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TWENTY PAGES — TWO RIYALS

## Canada gets rights amid regal splendor

OTTAWA, April 17 (AP)—The constitution "is truly Canadian at last," Queen Elizabeth II said Saturday in a glittering ceremony which gave Canada authority over its own national charter 115 years after confederation.

She declared her "unbounded confidence in the future of this wonderful country." The British monarch spoke after signing a proclamation granting Canada control of its basic political code and a charter of rights.

Replacing the 1867 British North America Act, the constitution permits Canadians to make their own amendments. Although Canada has long since gained independence, the queen's signature severed what is considered a colonial link.

A horse-drawn carriage took the monarch and her husband Prince Philip to parliament along a route bedecked with British and Canadian flags. Troops boomed a 21-gun salute and air force jets screamed past before she signed the ornately-decorated document amid a royal fanfare of trumpets.

Switching to French in her speech, the queen said the absence of Quebec provincial representatives from the ceremonies was regrettable, but that it was still "right to associate the people of Quebec with this celebration because, without them, Canada would not be what it is today."

Quebec was "both the inspiration and the principal agent" of "perhaps the most significant step in Canada's history" — the decision to take pride in Canada's several languages and cultures rather than deplore the differences, she said.

The Quebec separatist government boycotted Saturday's ceremonies, planned a protest march in Montreal and said it would press for independence. However, Quebec Premier Rene Levesque said he appreciated the queen's comment made to a French-speaking reporter that Quebec's stand saddened her.

"I found it rather nice she replied in French — something that completely lost her entourage because most of them didn't understand a single word she was saying," he said.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau also regretted the Parti Quebecois government's decision to reject his new constitution but said "nothing essential to the originality of Quebec has been sacrificed."

"Moreover, the process of constitutional reform has not come to an end. The two orders of government have made a solemn pledge to define more precisely the rights of native peoples. At the same time, they must work together to strengthen the charter of rights, including language rights in the various provinces. Finally, they must try to work out a better division of powers among governments."

### Argentina unrelenting

## Haig talks deadlocked

BUENOS AIRES, April 17 (Agencies)—Negotiations by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to end the Falkland Islands crisis peacefully may have reached a stalemate, high Argentine government officials said Saturday.

That gloomy assessment came as Haig met President Leopoldo Galtieri and other members of the ruling military junta in another attempt to persuade Argentina to withdraw some 2,000 troops from the South Atlantic islands which it occupied April 2.

The Argentine officials told Reuters Saturday the government considered unacceptable a proposal by Haig that the troops be withdrawn and a temporary Argentine-British-U.S. government take over the Falkland Islands pending Anglo-Argentine negotiations on their future.

Britain has vowed to take the islands back by force if necessary and a major British fleet now sailing southward is believed to be about a week from the Falklands, located 400 miles off the east of Argentina. British submarines have already mounted a sea blockade of the islands.

The plan would send the British fleet home, but it would also force Argentina to give up — at least temporarily — sovereignty over the islands it has claimed for 150 years, the officials said.

Press reports here have indicated that Argentina was demanding permanent sovereignty over the islands, even during any

## Furor over U.S. spying for both

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Controversy broke out Friday as to whether the United States has given Argentina intelligence reports about the British fleet headed for the Falkland Islands.

A senior U.S. government official, who insisted on remaining anonymous, first said the United States had been supplying intelligence data to both Britain and Argentina during the Falklands crisis. He added that Argentina had requested — and had been given — information about the British battle squadron moving toward the disputed South Atlantic archipelago.

Reacting promptly, other officials — who also refused to be named — issued denials.

Some observers here also claimed that the first statement was false. They maintained that the Argentines had never asked Washington for such intelligence — and that even if they had, there would have been no question of complying with such a request.

There had been earlier reports that Washington was forwarding to London intelligence reports about the preparedness of Argentine naval units and the positions of Argentine forces in the Falklands.

In the statement which set off Friday's furor, the senior U.S. official said it was not unusual for the United States to furnish information to two parties to a dispute when both were U.S. allies.

## Aspirin said slowing liver cancer

NEW ORLEANS, April 17 (AP)—Tests with rats showed that simple aspirin slowed the growth of liver cancer without the sometimes painful and toxic side effects of chemotherapy, a research team said.

But the researchers said some study was needed, and cautioned the results only proved the effects on rats and not on other animals or people. The researchers, from Howard University in Washington, are studying the effects on cancer of commonly used medicines. They reported Friday on some of their findings at a convention of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental

Biology.

In the study, Dr. Eand Knight and three fellow researchers injected about a million liver tumor cells into three groups of buffalito rats. One group was given aspirin, another the aspirin derivative salicylamide, and the third group was given nothing.

It took much longer for the aspirin-fed rats to develop tumors than the other rats, Knight discovered. In addition, when they did emerge, the tumors were much smaller in rats on the aspirin diet than in the rats that were given the derivative or no medicine at all.



STATE VISIT: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrived in Jeddah Saturday on a four-day visit to the Kingdom. She was received at the King Abdul Aziz International Airport by Makkah Governor Prince Majed and other dignitaries.

## Syria rules out attempt to build bridges with Iraq

DAMASCUS, April 17 (Agencies)—The Syrian government of President Hafez Assad ruled out any reconciliation with the rival Baath Party regime in neighboring Iraq Saturday, saying it would not re-establish any kind of relations with the Baghdad government.

Deputy Prime Minister Walid Hamoun, who made this declaration, also pledged efforts to overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regime for allegedly helping underground guerrillas of the Muslim Brotherhood to defy the Assad government.

The declaration, which was carried by Syria's official news agency Sana, appeared designed to head off any mediation by other Arab states or the Arab League to resolve the worsening feud between Syria and Iraq following Syria's recent closure of the land border with Iraq.

Earlier in the day, Kuwaiti government officials had said that Kuwait would soon send a special envoy to Baghdad to defuse the tension between Iraq and Syria. Kuwait's cabinet Saturday discussed the matter at an emergency meeting. Kuwait had sent a senior aide to Damascus last Tuesday but no details of his talks with Syrian leaders were made public.

The Syrian government also shut down last week an Iraqi pipeline that carried crude oil from Iraq's northern oilfields to Mediterranean shipping terminals in Syria and Lebanon.

The closure of the 800 kms Iraqi pipeline came only two days after Iranian tankers started unloading crude at Syria's Banias terminal under a newly — concluded economic pact between Iran and Syria. The agreement provides for Iran to ship nine million tons of oil a year to Syria in exchange for 800,000 tons of Syrian phosphates. Syria is the staunchest Arab supporter of Iran in its 18-month-old war against Iraq.

Meanwhile, fighting continued Friday on

all fronts with Iraq with the Iranians claiming to hold their offensive throughout. Several Iraqis were killed and their equipment destroyed, Tehran radio claimed. Baghdad radio, in a communique from the Iraqi military command, said 16 Iranian troops were killed in the last 24 hours. It conceded four Iraqi deaths.

In London, the Foreign Office said Saturday that the Iranian authorities released a Briton, Frank Skinner, last Tuesday after holding him for nearly a year. Skinner, who had left a Tehran prison, would return to Britain "within a month", a spokesman said. No reason was given for the release, the spokesman added.

## Soviets ready for summit

MOSCOW, April 17 (AP)—Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev Saturday rejected U.S. President Ronald Reagan's offer to meet in New York this June. He proposed instead that they meet in a neutral country during the fall, possibly in October.

He suggested either Switzerland or Finland as a meeting site. Reagan told reporters in Washington April 5 that he would like to meet with Brezhnev after the U.K. arms control sessions. However, Brezhnev said in reply to a question put to him by the Communist Party Daily *Pravda* that the meeting would go better if it were held in conjunction with other international forums. His comments were distributed by the official Tass news agency.

Brezhnev's remark also appeared designed to lay to rest persistent rumors here that he is in seriously failing health. The 75-year-old Soviet leader has not been seen in public since March 25 when he returned from a four-day trip to Soviet Central Asia.

## Truce holds as Arafat joins leaders' parley in Beirut

BEIRUT, April 17 (AP)—A truce between feuding militias in Lebanon appeared to be generally holding Saturday after six days of street battles which left 29 persons dead and 194 wounded in the fiercest factional fighting this year, police and witnesses said.

The battles in the capital of Beirut and South Lebanon pitted nationalists against the Amal militia. In some areas, Palestinians engaged in fighting Amal hui Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat attempted to keep his commandos neutral. Arafat joined Amal leader Nabih Berri, national movement chief in Walid Jumblatt and Syrian and Lebanese officials in a lengthy meeting designed to bring about a permanent military standstill.

Fighting raged until dawn Saturday, concentrating in districts south of Beirut where nightlong artillery and rocket barrages set scores of dwellings afire and killed 20 persons and injured 45, according to police figures. The lull in the fighting, as the politicians sought a solution, allowed fire engines to quell the blazes. Lebanon's Red Cross and the Palestinian Red Crescent appealed on radios to militiamen on both sides to stop sniping at ambulances so that victims could be taken to hospitals in West Beirut.

Syrian troops, part of a 30,000-man peacekeeping force in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate, separated warring private armies in some sections of Beirut, while in South Lebanon, United Nations troops from Norway and Senegal were deployed between battling groups in some areas, while PLO units acted as buffers in other

locations.

A U.N. official, who declined to be named, said the fighting began in South Lebanon in Sakskiyeh near the Mediterranean coast 57 kms south of Beirut last week when a local Amal member was shot dead. Amal militiamen later attacked the community checkpoint and the clashes spread.

Diplomatic sources indicated Amal suffered more heavily than its opponents during the battles. Although claiming up to 30,000 fighters, the Amal militia lacks the training and heavy weapons. No breakdown of the casualties was available.

Minor clashes and tensions have been building for months between the nationalists and Amal. The roots of the conflict appear to be both in local political disputes and the Iran-Iraq war.

At one point during the fighting, the local Amal commander in South Lebanon Haj Muhammad Ghaddar issued a statement warning that unless the PLO brought a halt to the fighting, his artillery units would shell northern Israeli settlements and invite an Israeli reprisal that would break a nine-month ceasefire between the Israelis and Palestinians.

In the Bourj el-Barajneh Shantytown on the southern outskirts of Beirut, Palestinians told reporters they had no desire to get involved in the factional battles. "We don't want to be drawn into this battle," said a first lieutenant, who identified himself as deputy commander of the Palestinian sector of Bourj el-Barajneh, which has been a focal point of the Amal-Nationalist fighting.

## Egg quest ends with menagerie

PEKING, April 17 (AP)—A group of Chinese soldiers in the remote Xifia Islands tried to add eggs to their diet and ended up with a crazy menagerie. *The China Daily* said Saturday.

The troops on the South China Sea archipelago imported a batch of chickens from the mainland. But the fowl ran wild and began to be picked off by huge rats, the newspaper said. So, the soldiers imported a squad of cats to control the rats.

But the cats attacked a protected species of seabirds, which live on the archipelago leading the beleaguered garrison to bring in dogs "to control the cats in the war on the rats which were eating their chickens that laid their eggs," the daily said.

But "the cats scurried up the nearest tree and dogs spent most of their time barking and fighting among themselves," *The China Daily* did not say whether the soldiers ever got their eggs.

## May seek Kingdom's aid

# Indira begins visit, calls for strong ties

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 17 — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrived here Saturday at the start of an official four-day visit to the Kingdom. She was welcomed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, the Commissioner of Jeddah Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Sudairy, director of Asian and African affairs at the Foreign Office Abbas Ghazawi, commander of the Western Region Gen. Mansour Al Shuaiti and other senior officials.

In a short airport statement, Mrs. Gandhi said that her visit will be an opportunity to strengthen relationship with Saudi Arabia within the ongoing and fruitful cooperation binding the two countries.

In New Delhi, government sources were quoted as saying Mrs. Gandhi hopes to secure Saudi assistance in development, including aid for extension of the Rajastan Canal Project in northwest India. They said the Indian delegation would also outline investment opportunities for Saudi funds in Indian industry.

Indian imports of Saudi crude oil last fiscal year totaled SR1.6 billion. Exports to Saudi Arabia in the same period totaled SR600 million and consisted mainly of engineering goods, iron and steel, machinery and fabrics.

In Jeddah, the prime minister laid the foundation stone for a new Indian Embassy school building for which the Kingdom donated the land. She also visited the desalination plant and later attended the dinner hosted in her honor by Prince Majed at the Water Towers. Before flying to Riyadh, she will receive at Al-Hamra Palace Indian members of the community Sunday morning.

In an interview with *Al Riyadh* newspaper held in New Delhi, Mrs. Gandhi reiterated her country's support for the peace plan submitted by the Kingdom for a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East.

"The plan offers a new hope," she said. "India welcomes it because it is consistent with the fundamental principles which ought to be applied in the search for a solution of the Middle East problem."

## Nonaligned states plan action to ban Israel from U.N. debate

UNITED NATIONS, New York, April 17 (Agencies)—The United Nations General Assembly special session on Palestine will consider a request from nonaligned countries to ban Israel from debates when it reopens Tuesday, diplomats predicted Saturday.

The diplomats and other observers said they expected an offensive against Israel similar to one against South Africa a few years ago, seeking to ostracize Israeli representatives.

While Israel could only be expelled from the United Nations in the Security Council, and the move would be immediately vetoed, it was generally felt here that there was majority support within the General Assembly to effectively banish Israel from the international community, a move which would have far-reaching, and probably irreversible effects.

The nonaligned motion is expected to be formulated in a resolution scattered with condemnations of Israel, which can be toned down but not vetoed.

The nonaligned countries called for the reopening of the Palestinian debate, suspended since July 1980, at their Kuwaiti meeting earlier this month. U.N. officials said the timing of the debate was particularly favorable to the Palestinian cause, with Israel scheduled to make its final withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula April 25, and following the Security Council debate on Sunday's shooting incident at Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

Calling for the resumption of the special session on Palestine, the nonaligned countries said they were determined to see the Jerusalem question reopened.

## Mosque flies PLO banner

TEL AVIV, April 17 (AFP)—A Palestinian flag was hoisted Saturday atop the Grand Mosque of Nabulus, in the northern West Bank territory — a symbol mingling Palestinian nationalism with religious outrage over last Sunday's shooting at Al Aqsa Mosque and military violence at other Muslim sanctuaries.

Hostility was widespread over an Israeli order issued after Sunday's shooting, banning anyone under 40 years from entering the mosques of Omar and Al Aqsa in occupied Jerusalem, and other main mosques in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Palestinian daily *Al Fajr*, in an article Saturday about the Al Aqsa shooting, said the American-born Israeli soldier Alan Guttman was the first but not the only Israeli to open fire on praying Muslims before the security forces arrived. *Al Fajr* appeared again Saturday without its usual editorial, censored by Israeli authorities.

Mrs. Gandhi said the Kingdom has an important role to play in solving international problems. She affirmed India's support for the Palestinian question and its belief that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. "We hope that the Palestinian people will realize their aspirations in order to be able to play their role in the world," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi denied that India-Arab relations have been strained recently. They have always been warm and amicable, she said. India has always supported and will continue to support the Arab issues, she added. She regretted the continuation of the Iraq-Iran war and hoped that the nonaligned efforts to find a peaceful settlement will be successful. She also hoped for improved relations with Pakistan in the light of the endeavors being made to normalize bilateral relations. Her country opposed any foreign interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

Mrs. Gandhi said that the Muslims in India who form one-ninth of the 683 million population are free to practice their religion like any others and enjoy the same privileges and rights granted to them under the constitution. Islamic centers and institutions in the country have flourished for centuries and are assured of government respect and encouragement.

In a departure statement at New Delhi airport Mrs. Gandhi was reported by agencies as saying that she would visit both Moscow and Washington within the next three months. She said that in response to repeated requests, she would go to the Soviet Union in June, probably combining the trip with an already-arranged tour of the Scandinavian countries.

Her decision to visit the United States at the invitation of President Reagan in the following month came as a surprise to political commentators. They said it amounted to something of a breakthrough in Indo-American relations which have been strained in recent years. Mrs. Gandhi has visited Washington as prime minister since October 1971 during the Bangladesh crisis.

Delegations are expected to violently condemn Israel for annexing Jerusalem, and remind the Israelis that a Middle East settlement is not possible without the rights of Palestinians being recognized and the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in any negotiations.

A resolution condemning last Sunday's shooting is expected to be handed in here Saturday and put to a vote in the U.N. Security Council Monday.

Jordanian Ambassador Hatem Nuseibeh told reporters Friday that would "most probably" be the course of events climaxing a debate on the affair that the 15-nation council started Tuesday by request of 34 Islamic countries.

U.S. delegate Charles Lichenstein indicated that a rough draft for the resolution in circulation here contained provisions that the United States would find hard to accept. The debate continued through a fourth day and at 2350 GMT was adjourned to 1600 GMT Monday.

Meanwhile, a U.N.-sponsored seminar in Valletta, Malta called Friday for a new Security Council resolution giving clear cut recognition of the Palestinians' rights.

The seminar's final report noted that considerable progress had been made in recognizing the political aspects of the Palestinians' demands for self-rule, and said there also had been progress in defining the basic principles for a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

In Washington hundreds of Muslim demonstrators staged a protest in front of the U.S. State Department Friday against Israel's treatment of Palestinians. They burned an Israeli flag. The demonstrators, who had marched from the Islamic Mosque across town, carried signs, one of which read, "Palestine, Land of Martyrdom."

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## Petrotech to open

## GCC panel views oil mart

RIYADH, April 17 (SPA) — The petroleum technical committee, made up of the ministries of petroleum and mineral resources of the Gulf Cooperation Council states, began meetings at the GCC secretariat general here Saturday.

The two-day session will discuss the situation in local oil markets, oil prices and its supply and demand, in the light of a working paper submitted by the secretariat general. It calls for the realization of oil security and uniform local rates of refined petroleum products.

The meeting takes place in implementation of the resolutions of the first conference of GCC oil ministers, held here in February.

In a separate development, Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher opens the first Saudi exhibition of petroleum, petrochemicals and energy (Petrotech) at

Aljaisi Hotel in Alkhobar Sunday.

The five-day exhibition, organized by Tihama, will be attended by more than 15 international organizations from 13 countries. Participants will review modern discoveries in the field of oil exploration, refining, export and marketing.

The inauguration of the Petrotech will be followed by a series of seminars on oil industry, petrochemicals and energy. The first seminar will deal with the Kingdom's oil policy and will be attended by the Petromin governor. Other seminars will be attended by a number of world famous experts and will focus on energy and industrial projects in the Gulf region, besides studying the cases of big joint ventures and the extent of requirements for supplementary industries.

The seminars also will deal with financing of major multinational projects. Discussions also will cover strategies of transportation and marketing of petroleum products, loans to auxiliary industries and aid to various economic sectors.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia is taking part in the international energy fair beginning in Knoxville, Tenn., from May 1. It will last for six months.

The Kingdom will have its pavilion in an area of 16,641 square feet in which it will display a miniature of the Holy Haram and specimens of Saudi Arabia's cultural heritage and its achievements in the fields of industry, agriculture, health, education and water resources. Saudis in national dresses will welcome the visitors and brief them on the exhibits. Saudi towns, Islam and the role played by the Kingdom at the Arab and Islamic levels and in the world as a whole.

## Nazer attends Sanaa meeting on development

SANAA, April 17 (Agency) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer attended Saturday the second international development conference which was opened by President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The conference aims at securing fresh aid commitments for Yemen's economic development.

Nazer arrived here earlier in the day leading a large delegation. Upon arrival, Nazer emphasized the Kingdom's attention to the development progress in North Yemen "based on the strong bonds of fraternity between the two countries." He hoped that the conference, which will discuss the second development plan of North Yemen, will come out with results which reflect the true direction of the country's development.

He commended efforts by the Yemeni Development Ministry and the Central Planning Agency in laying down the basic structures of development according to well-studied and scientific methods aimed at the prosperity of the Yemeni people.

The conference is attended by ministers and investors from several Arab countries and representatives of international aid agencies. The government hopes Arab and other foreign aid donors will contribute more than half the cost of its second five-year plan, officials said.

President Saleh told the meeting North Yemen has provided concessions and guarantees to foreign investors and is prepared to give further inducements. The government aims for an annual economic growth rate of eight percent under the new plan which began this year, against seven percent in the previous plan, officials said.

Ministers from Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates, all major aid donors to North Yemen, are attending the meeting.

Total investments in North Yemen's second development plan amount to 29 billion Yemeni riyals, a larger share of which is being contributed by Arab development funds, especially in productive projects, according to Fuad Muhammad Qaed, chairman of the country's central planning agency, Saturday.

Qaed commended the participation of Arab capital in such a good way to establish infrastructure projects in Yemen. The opening of the conference represents a major turning point in the Yemen's development progress.

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi arrived here Saturday to attend the development conference. Klibi made a brief stop over in Jeddah where he was met Friday night by Salem Sunbul, head of foreign ministry protocol, and the Tunisian charge d'affaires in the Kingdom.

## Session organized by UNCTAD

## Officials get training at Jeddah port

Ahmad Kamal Khuroo

Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 17 — Delegates from several countries are attending a week-long study tour on port administration at Jeddah Islamic Port being organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The Saudi Ports Authority is hosting the sessions which will enable senior port managers of Africa and Middle East to obtain practical experience of operations and working practices in port management.

The course tutor, Coll H. Hunter said par-

ticipants will get a first hand knowledge of port operations at the Jeddah Islamic Port when Saudi experts will lecture to the invitees on steps taken to ensure that port operations are undertaken smoothly. Participants will study methods and principles followed by the Saudi Port Authority in making Jeddah port one of the most efficient in the world.

Muhammad Hariri, director technical affairs, spoke to the participants Saturday on the historical background and development of Jeddah port. Work of the traffic and operations at the port was detailed by an official of the concerned department. Earlier, Fuad Mukhtar, Director General of the Jeddah Islamic Port welcomed the participants and

talked to them briefly about the achievements and programs of the Saudi port authority.

Subul Azal Nejan of management discussed the various measures taken by the port management to ensure safety. During the question-and-answer session that followed, was postponed that a maximum period of 1 days is granted to shippers to unload their cargo and complete all formalities. In case they fail to do so they are slapped with heavy fines to prevent such ships from occupying berths for a long time and cluttering up the port. Every year about 32 million tons of cargo are unloaded at the Kingdom's ports, of which 15 millions are accounted for by Jeddah port alone.

Saudi port officials said that on inspection if they find a ship's equipment is inadequate to deal with the unloading operations, the management asks them to make use of port equipment, specially quayside cranes which are allowed to be employed free of charge.

Participants came from Kenya, Somalia, Nigeria, Mauritania, Mozambique, Tanzania, Malawi and Saudi Arabia.

## Criminal executed in Makkah Friday

MAKKAH, April 17 (SPA) — A criminal was beheaded here Friday for killing his companion in a fight after both had got drunk and had taken narcotic pills.

An Interior Ministry statement said that the culprit, Khaled bin Ahmad bin Bazal Zaid Al-Sharif, had confessed that he took away the life of Muqbel bin Qablan bin Muhammad Al-Utairi under the effect of intoxicants and drugs.

The statement stressed the government's determination to maintain security and deter criminals by applying divine laws of the sharia.

## SR107m set for literacy plan

RIYADH, April 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's allocations for a plan for adult education and eradicating illiteracy are estimated at SR107.8 million for the year 1981-82.

The plan provides for opening 2,520 schools with 6,162 classes absorbing 77,289 people with a teaching staff of 6,860. Within the framework of the Kingdom's educational plan the campaign carried out by Ministry of Education aims at providing illiterate people with a reasonable degree of religious education and general knowledge on science and mathematics besides reading and writing.

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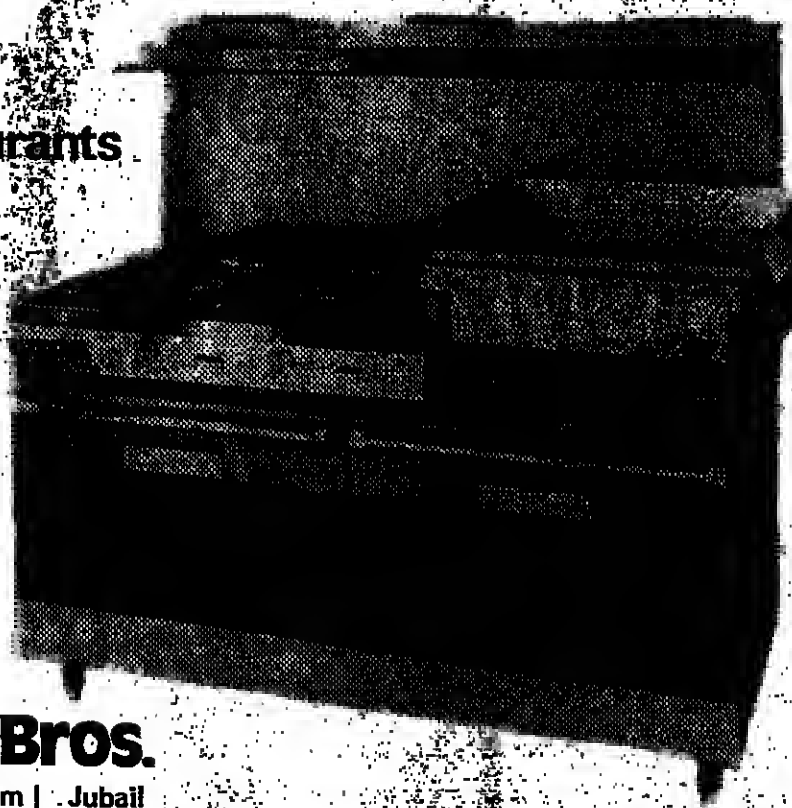


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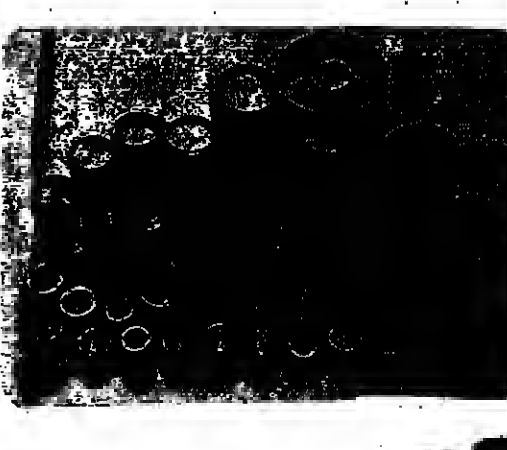



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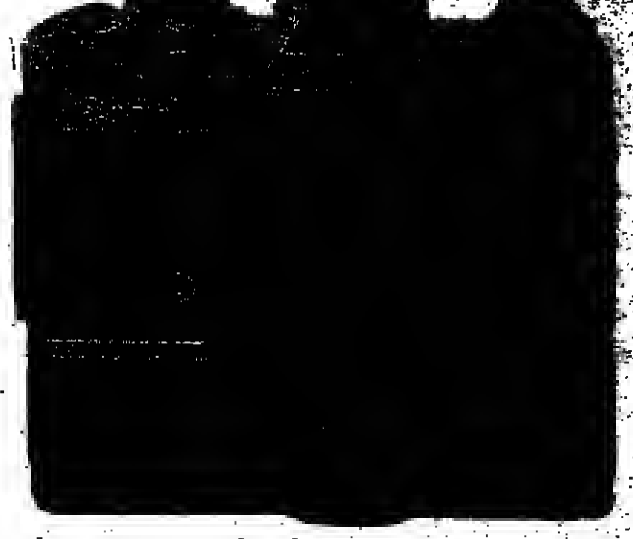
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# Arab steel union opens session

By Jean Grant  
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, April 17 — The twelfth session of the Arab Iron and Steel Union (AISU) opened Saturday at Alkhobar's Meridian Hotel. Speaking before the AISU's general assembly, Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, Saudi Arabian basic industries corporation (SABIC) vice-chairman, welcomed 80 delegates from 14 Arab countries on behalf of Dr. Ghazi Algasailbi, minister of industry and electricity and chairman of SABIC.

On the eve of the meeting, AISU organizers told *Arab News* that Arab steel production would not contribute to the glut on the world market since Arab steel is produced for local consumption rather than export.

"Even if we completed all our projects," said Slimani Bentehhal, president of the administrative council of AISU, "we would still not be able to meet our demands in the year 2000." He added that steel-producing industries themselves create other industries.

Laid Lachgar, secretary general of AISU, commented that the role of Arab production, which is flexible, will be determined by conditions in the world market.

The AISU will study a steel integration

scheme for the Arab world which will be presented next year at the Damascus meeting of Arab ministers for industry.

The AISU charter allows Arab companies financed by Arab capital to join the general assembly. There are now 44 member companies. Member states rotate hosting of the semi-annual meetings. SABIC is the host for the current meeting.

Bentehhal pointed out that since the founding of the AISU in 1971, "whenever a meeting is called, all the delegates have been present, regardless of whether their government has friendly relations with the host country or not."

This meeting will elect seven new officers for a two-year term, vote on the annual budget, and review the accomplishments of the past year. Lachgar will present the annual report to the general assembly.

Speaking of Saudi Arabian steel production, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Jarhou, director general of projects implementation in SABIC and chairman of the AISU meetings preparation committee, told *Arab News* that the iron ore deposits in the Sawaween mines are now under development by the Mineral Resources Organization, a branch of PetroMin. A pilot plant of 50,000 tons is projected.

Currently, the Kingdom imports all its iron ore needs from four countries, including Brazil.

Saudi Arabia now consumes one million tons of steel per year. Of these, 140,000 are imported billets put in the Sulh rolling mill in Jeddah to make reinforcement bars.

The Saudi Steel and Iron Company in Jubail (Hadeed), a joint venture by SABIC and Korf Stahl of West Germany, will produce 800,000 tons per year, a large share of the Kingdom's needs. "The Jubail plant," said Jarhou, "is now 65 percent completed and is due to start up in the first quarter of 1983."

Hadeed will feed the iron ore through the direct reduction unit to make sponge iron then to steel billets, and from the billets reinforcement bars. Although reinforcement bars are the product now planned, Jarhou pointed out that the Hadeed plant provided the means to produce other things being imported at present, like sheets and nails.

All the meetings of the AISU are closed to the public. Meetings of the general assembly continue with the technical committee of member companies meeting separately. Monday, delegates will go to Jubail industrial city to inspect the Royal Commission's infrastructure facilities and to see the Saudi Arabian Steel and Iron Company. Visits to the industrial and commercial ports also are on their agenda.

Tuesday, delegates fly to Jeddah and Makkah to perform umra.

## Korean firm wins deal

JEDDAH, April 17 — The South Korean Miryung Construction Company has won the Foreign Ministry headquarters contract worth \$149.5 million. The contract, signed April 10, will provide for building the ministry's new premises in Riyadh, according to a report by *Saudi Business* Saturday.

## Yamani confers with Bahrainis on media project

RIYADH, April 17 (SPA) — Two Gulf projects, a media arts academy and an open university, will be submitted to the upcoming conference of Arab Gulf education ministers to be held in Muscat, Oman, according to Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

He made the statement upon his return here from a few-hours visit to Bahrain where he held talks with Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Al-Muayed and Education Minister Dr. Ali Fakhrou on the subject.

All sides have agreed that contact should be maintained among information and education ministers of the Arab Gulf states to pursue the projects. The ministers also stressed the importance of the two projects in the service of information and educational issues, in addition to promoting culture in the region.

Yamani said that the media arts academy and the open university were discussed by the Arab Gulf information ministers' meeting held in Kuwait recently. The projects were proposed by the Kingdom and the conference requested further discussions by experts and education and information ministers.

Yamani met with Bahrain Ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa shortly after his arrival earlier in the day. He was received at the airport by Muayed and other senior officials. The audience was attended by Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, prime minister; Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, foreign minister; Fakhrou and Muayed.

## Varsity holds Shakespeare exhibit

By Devadas Kini  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 17 — An exhibition of paintings and books called "The Age of Shakespeare" was inaugurated by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, president of the King Saud University, at the Recreation Center. The exhibition is sponsored by the British Council in collaboration with the university and will be open for the public daily till April 26. Two days — April 22-23 — are allocated for ladies.

The exhibition includes slide-tape presentations, films and a model theater apart from

books and paintings. Guy Spooner of the British Council told *Arab News* that there will be a daily video program of Shakespeare's plays in the evening besides the two films — *Elizabeth's Ambassador* and *Spirit of the Age* — which will be shown everyday both in the morning and the evening.

The display of paintings include all aspects of life at the time of Shakespeare such as portraiture, miniatures, monuments, domestic architecture, architecture of great houses, decorative arts, medicine, education, drama, the playhouse, poetry and language, exploration, music, science and learning.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal received here Saturday North Yemeni Ambassador to the Kingdom Ahmad Ali Al-Muhani and Pakistani Ambassador Najmul Saqib Khan. In the two meetings, talks centered on bilateral relations.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Spanish Health Minister Manuel Nunez will arrive here Tuesday on a four-day visit to discuss promoting health cooperation between the Kingdom and his country. Talks with Saudi Arabian officials will cover operating three hospitals to be completed shortly. The hospitals, located in Tabuk, Hail and Najran, will have a capacity of 200 beds each.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — President Ahmad Abdullah of the Comoro Islands Republic stopped over here early Saturday morning on

his way to Djibouti. He was met and seen off at the airport by Sheikh Salem Sunbul, head of the foreign ministry's protocol department, and other officials.

JEDDAH — The Saudi American Bank has been chosen as lead manager for a SR48,620,392.70 syndicated guarantee facility for Arie Enterprises. The agreement was signed April 4, in Riyadh, by Faisal Al-Sudairy, president of Arie Enterprises, and a syndicate of banks led by Saudi American Bank. The facility involves bonding required for a SR194,481,570.81 contract awarded to the company for constructing a portion of the Riyadh-Salbuk-Buraydah expressway. The syndicate of banks, participating on an equal basis, comprises Citibank N.A., Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, Saudi American Bank and Societe Generale (Paris).

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:44	3:50	3:21	3:10	3:35	4:07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:42	6:46	6:17	6:06	6:30	7:02
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## Stoessel meets Ali

## Egypt-Israel differences on Sinai narrow down

CAIRO, April 17 (Agencies) — Egypt's dispute with Israel over the proposed new Sinai area of demarcation appeared Saturday to have narrowed down to the fate of a few civilians in the Taba coastal strip.

Foreign ministry officials said the argument revolved around whether Israeli civilians should be allowed to remain in the Taba strip after Israel's general withdrawal from Sinai April 25. The officials spoke after a meeting here between Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and U.S. special envoy Walter Stoessel who has been shuttling between Cairo and Tel Aviv.

Stoessel described his talks with Ali as very good and friendly. On the basis of his talks in both countries, Stoessel said, he remained confident that the Sinai problems would be resolved and that Israel would pull out its troops on time.

The Sinai peninsula, occupied by Israel from Egypt in 1967, has been handed back in stages following the Israel-Egypt peace treaty of 1979. The impending final withdrawal was put in question by Israel's insistence on

retaining the Taba area, site of a half-completed hotel and a beachside holiday spot.

According to the foreign ministry officials, the Israelis agreed to withdraw from Taba on condition that the Egyptians refrain from occupying it. The plan was for the area to be controlled by the newly-created Multi-National Force Observers (MFO) while the matter went to arbitration.

Israel, the officials said, agreed to this so long as Israeli civilians were allowed to remain in Taba while the question was settled. Egypt has so far not conceded this, the officials said.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Ali reiterated Egypt's determination to stick to the terms of the peace treaty. The spokesman said that Stoessel and Ali agreed to set up two sub-committees comprising Egyptian and American officials.

One would deal with Taba, the spokesman said, and one would tackle other problems such as Israel's complaint that Egypt had been overmanning military positions in those portions of Sinai that had already been returned.

## Office of Khomeini's rival seized

TEHRAN, April 17 (Agencies) — The Qom office of Ayatollah Shariat-Madari, an opponent of Khomeini, was occupied Friday by "people of the city". *Keyhan* newspaper reported here Saturday.

The newspaper said the occupation followed a speech by an influential Tehran deputy, Fakhredin Hadjazi, on investigations of a reported plot against the Islamic regime that has led to the arrest of former Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh.

The report said "radical receivers-

transmitters and tapes with counter-revolutionary contents were discovered." It said the Ayatollah's bodyguards were disarmed and revolutionary guards were now guarding the office.

Iranian security forces have arrested another relative of Shariat-Madari. Exiled members of Shariat-Madari's family told Reuters that his son-in-law, named as Emami, and several other persons were taken away during the raid in the city of Qom last week.

## BRIEFS

TUNIS, (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi left for Baghdad and Damascus via Sanaa Friday for talks on the tension between Iraq and Syria over the Gulf war, league sources said.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — A total of 1,965 rail accidents in Pakistan in the last 15 years caused a loss of nearly \$3 million, the railways minister, Lt. Gen. Saeed Qadir told the Majlis-e-Shoora (nominated parliament) Saturday.

BELGRADE, (AP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid will pay a three-day state visit to Yugoslavia starting Monday, it was officially announced here Friday.

ATHENS, (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi will visit Greece from April 30 to May 2, a reliable source said here Saturday. He would have talks with President Constantine Karamanlis and Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu.

## Jordan floods kill seven, damage crops

AMMAN, April 17 (AP) — Heavy floods killed at least seven persons and devastated crops and farms in several areas of Jordan in the past few days, the government announced Saturday.

Unseasonal late rains hit Jordan Wednesday and Thursday, leaving many persons and vehicles stranded. Homes, medical clinics and public buildings were flooded in several areas of northeastern and south-central Jordan, according to the official announcement. It said units from the army and civil defense were searching for an unspecified number of persons reported missing in the floods.

The Jordanian-Iraqi border area was among the regions inundated by the rains, as well as the town of Azraq, site of a large desert oasis 55 kms east of Amman, and Mafraq, an army garrison town 32 kms northeast of the capital.

Also hit were Hasa, site of a phosphate mine 76 kms south of Amman, and the town of Qatranah, 45 kms south of Amman.

According to the announcement, those dead included women children, young men and one Pakistani citizen employed by the Jordanian government. The Pakistani was not further identified.

## Russia assures Syria of support

DAMASCUS, April 17 (R) — President Leonid Brezhnev Friday assured Syria of the Soviet Union's support in warding off aggression and the pursuit of Middle East peace. It was officially announced.

In a message of greetings on the 36th anniversary of the evacuation of Syria by foreign troops, he told President Hafez Al-Assad: "Syria's just struggle against Israeli aggression and imperialist conspiracies and its principled line seeking the solidarity of the Arab peoples and the realization of lasting peace in the Middle East have rightly won the respect of the Soviet people and other progressive forces throughout the world."

He added that the Soviet Union would continue to back the Syrian people's efforts to consolidate their national independence, attain economic and social achievements and realize global peace in the Middle East.

## Afghan fighters declare Nuristan a 'free state'

ISLAMABAD, April 17 (Agencies) — Islamic freedom fighters in eastern Afghanistan have declared the rebel-controlled Nuristan Valley a "free state" and appointed a popular religious leader as its first prime minister, the Pakistan Press International (PPI) news agency reported Saturday.

Quoting reports from across the border, the agency said the local population had set up administrative machinery on the basis of Islamic teachings. Sharia laws had been enforced in the territory in eastern Afghanistan, first "liberated" during slain Afghan President Nur Muhammad Taraki's rule in 1979.

Observers recalled that the valley, border-

ing Pakistan, has never been visited by Soviet or Afghan troops since it fell to the fighters. According to PPI, Soviet troops had "failed to penetrate the area or retake even a single inch of the valley" despite serious efforts.

The valley, spread in three parts along Pakistan's Chitral area, is controlled by various Peshawar-based Afghan groups. The "independence" was declared April 10 when the Majlis-e-Shoora (Islamic Consultative Council) comprising religious leaders was formed.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Babrak Karmal said in Kabul Friday that he hoped for positive results from the current visit to the region of U.N. special envoy Diego Cordovez.

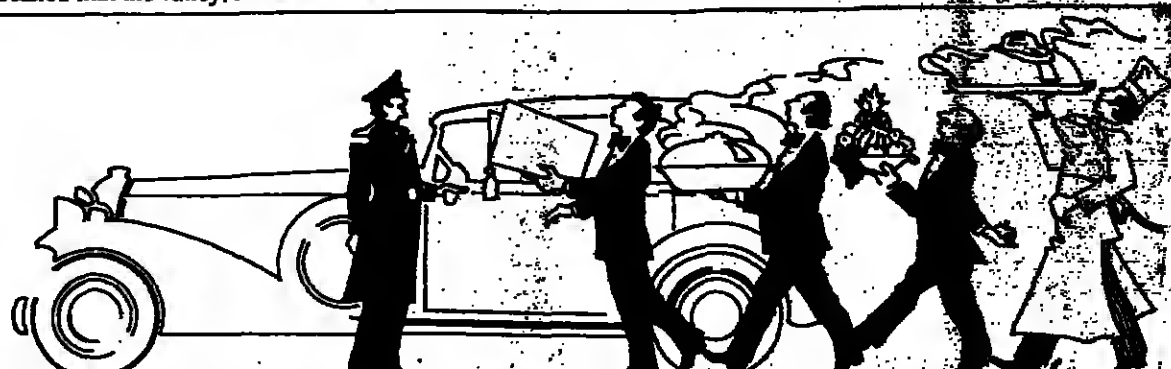
## Bulent Ecevit formally arrested

ANKARA, April 17 (AFP) — Former Turkish Socialist Democrat Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit was formally arrested by the Ankara Military Law Court Friday, officials announced Saturday.

He was charged with "giving statements the foreign press detrimental to the prestige of the Turkish state," and also violating decree no. 58 which bans political discussion about the situation in Turkey.

Ecevit was in fact released from arrest by the Ankara Military Law Court last Saturday but the martial law commander used his right of objection to military court decisions with seven days and Ecevit was re-arrested.

Ecevit was now expected to be brought before the military court April 29. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to not less than five years in jail.



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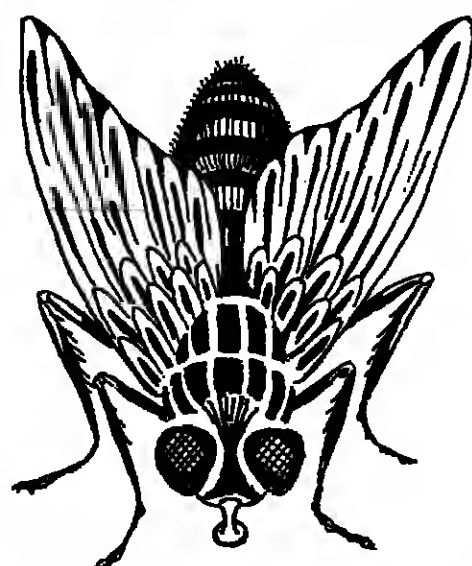
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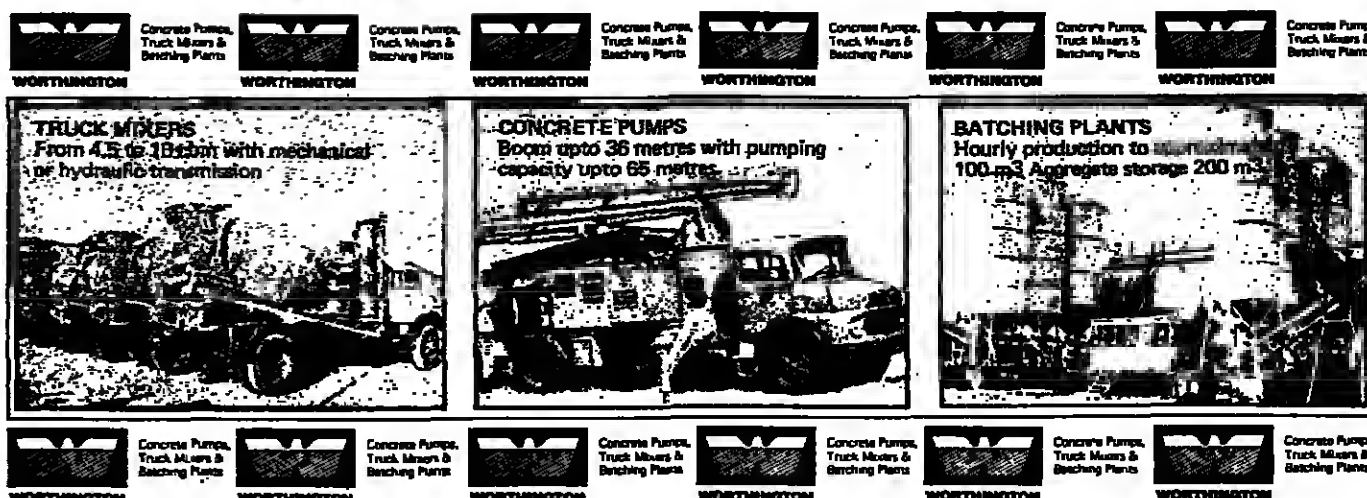
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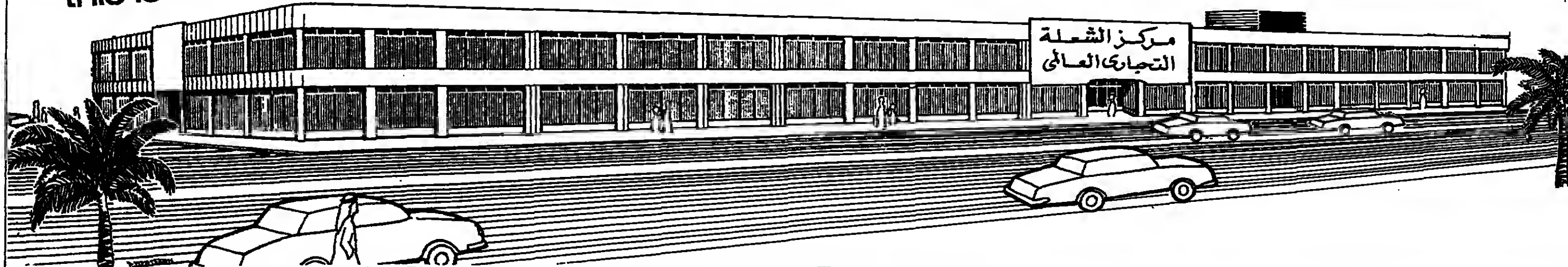


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## MRS. GANDHI IN KINGDOM

Mrs. Gandhi is the first Indian prime minister to visit the Kingdom since 1956. In that year, her illustrious father, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first premier of independent India, visited the country. The late King Saud, first successor of the Kingdom's founder King Abdul Aziz, later returned the visit. Mrs. Gandhi has visited other Arab countries before strengthening Indo-Arab relations and stabilizing what has been a happy relationship between India and most Arab countries.

Ever since its independence from Britain, India has taken a friendly stand toward Arab issues, especially that of Palestine and the plight of its people. It has refrained from establishing full diplomatic relations with the Zionist state despite enormous Western and, particularly, American pressure to do so. Throughout the years of the Arab struggle, India has stood by them and demanded the restitution of Palestinian rights and Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories at almost all international conferences and U.N. meetings.

When Britain, France and Israel attacked Egypt in what was called the tripartite aggression of 1956, Nehru called it a "gross, naked aggression" although it involved antagonizing Britain and threatened to quit the Commonwealth which might have rung its death knell if Britain had not been forced to withdraw from Egypt.

The current visit of Mrs. Gandhi will surely improve bilateral relations, renew old friendships and expand the horizons of cooperation between the two countries. There is a lot that India and Saudi Arabia can do to help each other.

India is a fast developing country and has reached a stage at which its experience can be usefully transmitted to those who need it. It is now capable of making light to medium machine tools and has undertaken large construction projects in the Gulf states at competitive prices. Saudi Arabia, described recently by the World Bank as the fastest developing state in the world, may use some of this experience to good profit and invest in joint ventures either here or in India for mutual benefit.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The importance of Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's visit to Saudi Arabia and the worldwide response to King Khaled's call to support the Palestinians were the main topics for editorial comment in Saturday's newspapers.

*Okaz* said Mrs. Gandhi's visit to the Kingdom would greatly help in strengthening the current economic and trade relations between India and Saudi Arabia.

The paper said the visit would also give Mrs. Gandhi the opportunity to stress India's firm stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict which had always been in support of the Palestinians. It added that India was one of the first states which declared its full support to the Kingdom's Middle East peace plan introduced by Crown Prince Fahd.

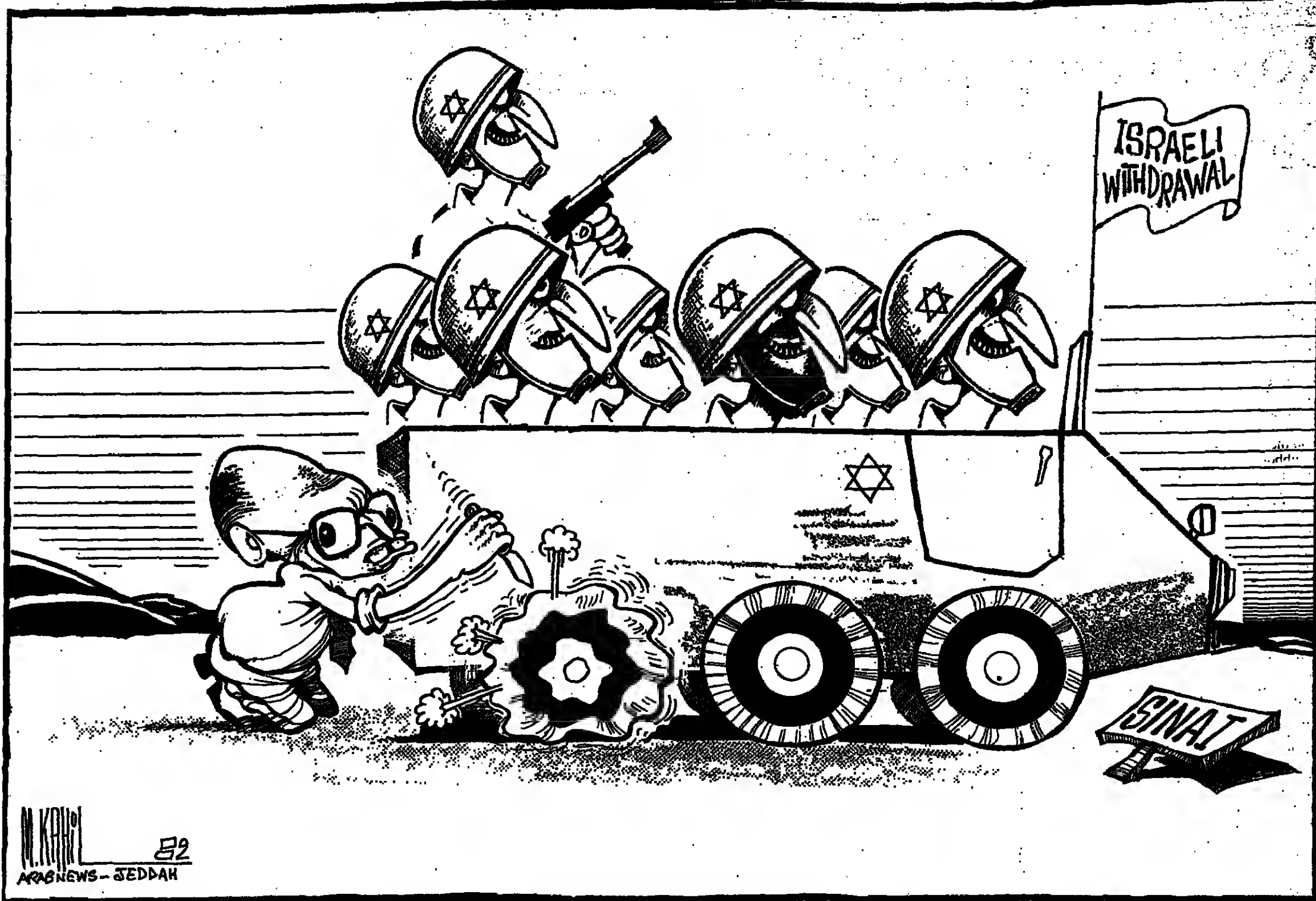
*Al-Jazirah*, *Al-Nadwa*, *Al-Madinah*, *Al-Yom* and *Al-Bilad* praised the worldwide positive response to King Khaled's call to observe solidarity with the Palestinians over "the oppressive acts of the Zionists in the occupied Arab territories."

*Al-Bilad* said the international support to King Khaled's call was

the outcome of the Kingdom's historic Islamic and Arab responsibility toward Arab and Muslim causes and Islamic shrines in Jerusalem and other parts of the world.

*Al-Jazirah* stressed that King Khaled's call to observe solidarity with the Palestinians and his appeal to extend generous financial aid to them had demonstrated the existence of all elements of unity, solidarity and joint action among the Islamic states. The paper hoped the superpowers would not ignore the just struggle of the Palestinians in the face of the criminal assault on their lives, properties and lands by the Israeli enemy.

*Al-Riyadh* hailed the resistance put up by the Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories against Israeli attempts to Judaize their lands and Zionist attacks on Islamic holy places topped by Al-Aqsa Mosque. The paper stressed that the basic aims of the Zionist authorities in the occupied lands were to exterminate Arab Muslims from the area, desecrate Islamic holy places and damage the Arab heritage of holy Jerusalem. (SPA)



## Falklands crisis brings EEC unity against Argentina...

By a Special Correspondent

**BRUSSELS** — Cooperation on foreign policy between the 10 members of the European Economic Community (EEC) appears to have come of age with the community's swift response to the Argentine seizure of the Falkland Islands. EEC diplomats have described the decision to ban imports of Argentine goods into the community just eight days after Argentina seized the islands from Britain as a display of EEC unity unique in its speed.

They said it showed for the first time that the EEC, widely known for its lengthy wrangles and watered-down decisions due to the varied interests of its members, could quickly find a single, powerful stance on a major foreign policy issue.

The import embargo has thus given an important boost to an organization whose 25th anniversary last month was soured by internal disputes. It has also broken new ground in over 10 years of faltering efforts to give the EEC, conceived primarily as a trading body, a voice in the world as a political entity.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told parliament this week the move was "unprecedented in its scope and the rapidity of the decision."

An EEC ambassador, who declined to be named, said the decision constituted "a clear case of innovation." He added that it was taken "quickly, efficiently and with a minimum amount of nonsense, which is rare."

The embargo, which will initially last up to a month and excludes goods already shipped and

those for which contracts have already been concluded or import licenses delivered, was expected to come into effect Friday.

Diplomats said fear among other EEC members — especially France — that a weak community response could appear to condone such seizures by force was certainly a factor in the unusual speed of the decision. More generally, diplomats felt any such act of force against the interests of a member state should be forcefully condemned, and in this sense the Falklands dispute was different from other recent international crises.

The embargo's sweeping nature and the speed with which it was agreed contrast sharply with community responses in the past. It took six months for the EEC to respond to the 1979 seizure of American hostages in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by enforcing a trade embargo against Iran. Even then, Britain broke ranks by declining to make the measures retroactive to the date the hostages were taken.

When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in December 1979, no clear community position emerged for two months, when it was proposed that the country become neutral under international guarantees following a Soviet withdrawal.

More recently, the military clampdown in Poland last December produced a confused response from the EEC, with France and West Germany initially appearing to take differing positions on the crisis. It was not until this March that the EEC announced mild sanctions aimed at cutting Soviet imports into the community by just one percent in protest against the imposition of martial law in Poland.

These moves, along with the adoption of an independent community position on the search for peace in the Middle East, formed part of a continuing EEC effort to find its feet in the area of "political cooperation" not formally embodied in EEC treaties.

"The Falklands decision showed for the first time that the 10 could bring a high degree of non-military pressure to bear on a country as soon as it was needed," an ambassador said.

The embargo effectively combines informal inter-governmental political cooperation with the community's founding treaty, of which article 113 calls for application of a common commercial policy coordinated by the EEC Commission.

A preamble to the ban makes clear the decision was taken through political cooperation and its application expedited through use of the article in the 1957 Rome Treaty. "We linked the two frameworks in a novel way which could have an important bearing on the future," a senior diplomat said.

The foundations for political cooperation were laid at an EEC summit in 1970, but national differences and jealousies have made its development slow so far. One of its chief advocates, ironically, was former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, who was a victim of the crisis which saw the system work most rapidly.

Under his presidency of the EEC in the second half of last year, significant advances were made in working out a system to unify the foreign policies of member states. These included creating a team of EEC diplomats based in the country holding the

six-month rotating presidency to concentrate on foreign policy issues, and provisions for a ministerial meeting to be held within 48 hours at the request of three member states.

The quick decision on the Argentine embargo has come when the EEC faces deadlock in other areas, with the linked questions of British demands for big rebates on its budget payments and rises in EEC farm prices this year still not resolved.

Diplomats said West Germany, Argentina's biggest trading partner in the EEC, as well as France, Italy and the Netherlands, made important sacrifices in showing solidarity with Britain. Argentine exports to the EEC last year were worth about \$1.8 billion.

"This was a concession which will be costly economically and politically," the EEC ambassador said, adding it was "not simply to condemn Argentina's use of force. He suggested some softening of the hard British line on the budget question might be expected in return if the new-found EEC unity was not to face imminent dissolution."

Diplomats said some softening in the British line appeared probable. British diplomats said one element in Mrs. Thatcher's hard stand on budget rebates was to avoid strengthening the case of anti-market forces in Britain. With the backing of the EEC has given Britain over the Falklands, Mrs. Thatcher might now have more room for maneuver, they said.

Britain may also soften its line as a result of the concessions made by other EEC members over the Falklands, and some diplomats suggest progress on the budget may be more likely as a result. (R)

## ... and revives Latin America solidarity against Britain

By Claude Reglin

**BUENOS AIRES** — Latin America's initially cool support for Argentina in its dispute with Britain over the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands has grown increasingly militant and there is real possibility that several countries in the area would fight alongside Argentina in the event of war. Latin America as a whole has always supported Argentina's claim to the bleak archipelago and this was reaffirmed after the April 2 military takeover put an abrupt end to 149 years of British rule.

No government actually condoned the seizure of the islands and most called for a negotiated settlement. But with Britain apparently bent on reclaiming the islands with the biggest fleet assembly since World War II, the mood throughout South America began to change.

The dispatch of the fleet has clearly revived continental solidarity. Ideological barriers have come tumbling down as leftist-ruled Nicaragua, middle-of-the-road democratic governments in Peru and Colombia and the rightist generals of Bolivia have united against what they perceive as a resurgence of British colonialism.

As the British fleet steamed south, it became clear that Argentina could count on more than just moral support from its Spanish-speaking sister nations. Despite denials from Peru, several

Soviet-built Peruvian Sukhoi fighter-bombers have been spotted in the southern Argentine port of Comodoro Rivadavia, which serves as a bridgehead for supplying the Falklands.

The Bolivian Air Force chief said he was ready to dispatch warplanes and transport aircraft to the country's border with Argentina if required. But following a protest from Britain, the foreign ministry issued a statement denying any military involvement in the conflict and saying Bolivia was working for a peaceful settlement.

Venezuela was the first country on the continent to pledge support for Argentina if Buenos Aires decided to invoke the Rio Treaty, which calls for mutual self-defense in case of any attack from outside the hemisphere.

The Falklands dispute has given a new lease of life to the "Monroe Doctrine" throughout the continent. The late U.S. President James Monroe had warned Europe that the American continent was closed to future colonization and proclaimed that America belonged to the Americans.

Many Latin American politicians derided the doctrine as business interests from the north carved out vast zones of influence in the south. They said the doctrine really meant "Let America for the United States."

But today it is to the old rallying cry of "America for the Americans" that thousands of people, including leftist Argentine political exiles, are signing

up as volunteers in Argentine consulates throughout Latin America.

One illustration of the renewed continental solidarity was the political support expressed by the Communist government of Cuba while Miami-based Cuban exiles who have vowed to topple President Fidel Castro were also offering help to Argentina.

Brazil, the giant of South America and Argentina's traditional rival, has called for a negotiated settlement while repeating its long-held belief in the justice of Argentina's cause.

It said it was moving part of its navy south to its border with Argentina, while adding that this was part of normal naval exercises.

Chile has remained neutral throughout the current crisis, anxious to do nothing which might jeopardize the outcome of its own territorial dispute with Argentina over three islets in the Beagle Channel at the southernmost tip of South America.

One diplomatic analyst told Reuters: "In fact the Chilean navy, which has old ties with Britain, is probably trying to get into the fray and fight alongside the British navy."

But he said Chile, which has instructed its large community in southern Argentina to cooperate fully with local military authorities, probably hoped to cash in on its neutrality later by demanding concessions from Argentina in their dispute.

Leftist-ruled Nicaragua also came out strongly in

support of Argentina despite recent accusations that the right-wing military junta here was aiding anti-government rebels.

"Like the Chileans, the Nicaraguans may well send a bill to Buenos Aires and it could say something like 'Stop helping the pro-Somoza forces,'" the diplomatic analyst said. (R)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, April 18th, the 108th day of 1982. There are 257 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1663 — Turks declare war against Roman Emperor Leopold I.

1797 — Austria and France sign preliminary peace at Loeben.

1864 — Danish forces are defeated at Duppel, and German troops invade Denmark.

1906 — Earthquake shatters San Francisco, California, touching off fires that almost destroy the city. About 700 people perish.

1927 — Split develops in China's Kuomintang Party between Chiang Kai-Shek and radical elements.

1942 — U.S. bombers led by Lt. Gen. James Doolittle attack Tokyo and other Japanese cities in World War II.

1949 — Republic of Eire is proclaimed formally in Dublin.

1954 — Gen. Gamal Abdul Nasser becomes premier and military governor of Egypt.

1957 — Representatives of Burma, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan and Syria attend first meeting in New Delhi of Asian Legal Consultative Committee.

1962 — West Indies Federation is terminated. 1974 — Egypt announces it is ending more than 18 years of exclusive reliance on Soviet arms supplies and will seek arms elsewhere.

1975 — It is reported that Communists who took over Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh have ordered evacuation of civilian population.

1976 — About 40,000 Israelis march into the occupied West Bank, demanding that Israel annex the territory.

Thought for today:

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, and that is all — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).



# Royal pomp, pageantry precede Canada's formal independence

By Charles Campbell

TORONTO (AP) — Canada becomes independent this week after an internal struggle that threatened to splinter the nation rather than bind it together.

Queen Elizabeth II arrived in Ottawa Wednesday for a whirlwind of pomp and ceremony culminating in the formal proclamation of Canada's new constitution Saturday morning.

The pageantry comes at a time when Canada could use a diversion. The Canadian dollar has dipped to just above 81 U.S. dollars. Unemployment, at 9 percent, is the worst in the 36 years on record. Inflation has held stubbornly high at 11.6 percent. And forecasters expect even worse from a recession that could drag into next year.

For decades, no one has questioned that Canada is a free sovereign independent country. Still, control over its constitution — the British North America Act of 1867 — remained until now with the British parliament. For 55 years of vain debate, Canadians could not agree on how to bring it home.

Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau conducted the successful drive for repatriation, and it is perhaps the capstone of his career. Trudeau often expressed his hope that the new document — with a brand-new charter of rights and freedoms — would "revitalize" the Canadian confederation and knit the country more closely into one nation.

But many Canadians did not share Trudeau's vision of a more unified nation. Skeptics feared it would mean tighter control by what they consider an arrogant and uncaring government in Ottawa.

George Woodcock, eminent historian and author of such books as *Canada and the Canadians* says the repatriation debate "has increased the consciousness of regions as regions."

Trudeau "has been proceeding according to a vision of his own, ignoring the realities of a country like Canada," Woodcock said in a telephone interview from his home in Vancouver. Woodcock, who calls himself a "committed federalist," said the constitutional furor had led him to the painful decision that the Western provinces must keep open the option of splitting from Canada.

Canada is the second largest nation in the world, encompassing wheat farmers in the plains, auto workers in the industrial heartland, newly rich oilmen in Alberta, fishermen in the impoverished maritimes, Eskimos in Arctic settlements and a separate French-speaking culture based in Quebec.

It was Quebec's discontent that spurred the latest round of constitution-building, beginning in 1980. But when the dust had settled,



Pierre Trudeau

Trudeau and the leaders of nine provinces had reached an uncomfortable compromise, leaving Quebec's Premier Rene Levesque the only hold-out.

Levesque's Parti Quebecois government contends the new constitution could hinder its language laws and its distinctive French culture. The Quebecers plan to protest the proclamation ceremonies with mass demonstrations in Montreal and in Hull, the

Quebec city just across the river from Ottawa.

Outside Quebec, in a column in the Canadian newsweekly *Maclean's* Allan Fotheringham described April 17 as "the day when Canadians will have their noses rubbed in it by the appearance of a foreign queen who, tapping us lightly on the shoulder, will allow us to rise on our feet as a free and independent country, unfettered, naked in the world, civilization's newest nation."

Peter Russell, a professor at the University of Toronto and constitutional expert, said the celebration "is provocative. It's the victor rubbing it in."

To win approval of the English speaking premiers, Trudeau accepted significant changes in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which will permit provincial legislatures to reject such provisions as freedom of expression and religion, habeas corpus and protection from racial, religious and sexual discrimination.

Alan Borovoy, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, said he did not expect the legislatures would risk the wrath of press and public very often by voiding basic rights.

# Specter of nuclear war in outer space looms over U.N. disarmament panel

By John Chadwick

GENEVA. (R) The atmosphere in the lofty debating chamber is relaxed, almost drowsy. Delegates from 40 nations slump over leather-tipped tables, shifting a paper, twisting a pencil, sipping a glass of water.

Sweden's Curt Lidgard speaks soberly of the danger of a science fiction-style nuclear war in outer space. He urges the United States and the Soviet union to act quickly to prevent it.

Behind brass rails in the visitors' gallery, four visitors from Japan wearing saffron robes and tennis shoes listen intently to the warning. Their country saw the only atomic bombs dropped so far.

But in this comfortable Swiss setting, with warm spring sunshine slanting through the big windows, the ultimate nightmare appears remote. Neither global catastrophe nor treaties to prevent it seems likely in the near future.

The United Nations Disarmament Committee has been meeting for 20 years and the bomb hasn't gone off yet. But the big arms control pacts have been settled by the superpowers.

On the walls of the Palais des Nations Council chamber, huge murals depict the struggle for freedom of the world's toiling masses and oppressed peoples.

On the debating floor, the mood is more

like that of a gentleman's club. Whatever perfidies Western or Soviet delegates may accuse each other of, they never call each other less than "distinguished delegate."

Post-war disarmament talks have been going on under one name or another since 1952 in this conference chamber — far longer than any plan on Broadway or in London's West End, one delegate observed.

They have also developed a certain style of their own.

Between debates, ambassadors from East and West, Asia and Africa entertain each other regularly and apparently cordially at elegant apartments and country villas around Geneva. The business talk tends to be about "ad hoc committees," "subsidiary bodies" and other arcane procedures.

Ask how the Americans and Russians are actually getting on with their bilateral negotiations here on cutting down medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe and you may be told: "that's a bilateral matter — not really much to do with us."

The Soviet-American negotiations, which began last November, are actually suspended until late May, with each side saying the other doesn't want to get down to hard bargaining. Soviet-U.S. talks on outer space disarmament are also stalled because of the Russian intervention in Afghanistan.

In the more polite setting of the committee, Argentina's Julio Carasales gently chides

Japanese chairman of the month Yoshio Okawa for saying that to save time he will do without the ritual statements of congratulation. "This is something traditional among diplomats," the Latin American ambassador says.

On the main agenda item, Ambassador Carasales admits: "We have been discussing the complete prohibition of nuclear weapon tests for years and we are further away than ever."

On "negative assurances" — disarmament committee jargon for the guarantees given by nuclear weapon states that they will not use them against countries without nuclear weapons — the Argentine delegate restates "the obvious fact: the only real guarantee is the elimination of nuclear weapons themselves."

But as many of its members drawn from all nations privately agree, the committee stands little chance of achieving that.

The 92-year-old Nobel peace prizewinner, Lord Noel-Baker, was at hand in the Palais, as if to underline the apparent futility of it all.

Opening an exhibition marking the 50th anniversary of the first World Disarmament Conference here, in which he took a leading role, the former British minister laid the blame for failure on the big powers. He accused his own country of scuttling U.S. President Herbert Hoover's proposals for a complete ban on weapons.

Addressing non-governmental organizations at a separate conference for disarmament in another wing of the vast building, Lord Noel-Baker recalled: "Germany said 'yes' to Hoover, the Soviet Union said 'yes', Italy said 'yes'."

"But the British admiralty said battleships were more precious than rubies. The war office said tanks were disarmament, since they reduced the numbers of soldiers. And the secretary of state for air, the notorious Lord Londonderry, boasted in the House of Lords later how he had with the greatest difficulty saved the bomber."

The silver-haired peace campaigner declared: "that was the epitaph which he took down to his dishonored grave."

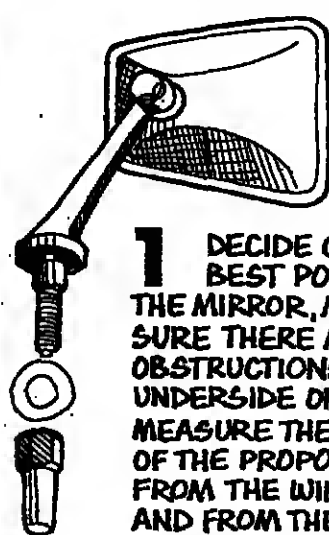
Lord Noel-Baker was given an ovation. But the historical exhibits on show, yellowing letters of former statesmen, long-forgotten peace plans and his own disarmament proposals of half a century ago were like sad tombstones.

A 1934 British newspaper cartoon shows a stranded airship labelled "Disarmament." The caption reads: "Despite all the hot air, the balloon refuses to rise."

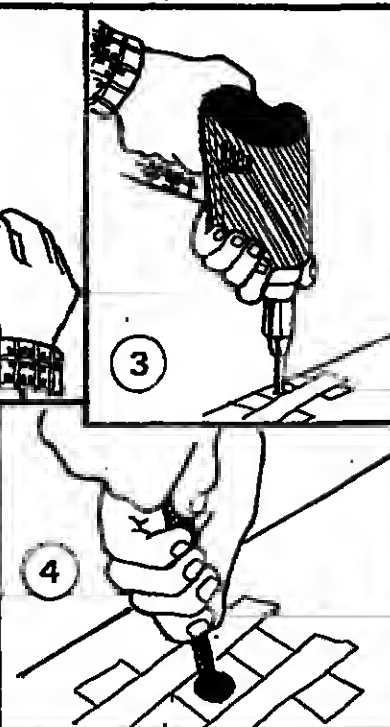
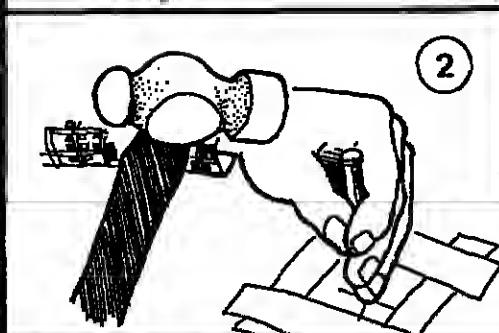
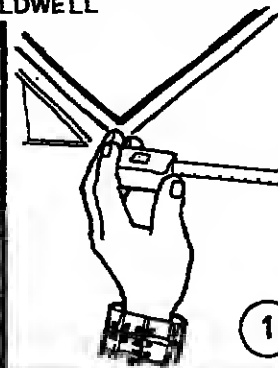
In today's equally frustrated committee, the note of moral indignation is mainly provided by countries like Sweden, whose Mrs. Inga Thorsson regularly lambasts the two superpowers for what she sees as a mad race toward doomsday.

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WRITTEN &amp; DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL



**1** DECIDE ON THE BEST POSITION FOR THE MIRROR, MAKING SURE THERE ARE NO OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE WING. MEASURE THE DISTANCE OF THE PROPOSED HOLE FROM THE WINDSCREEN AND FROM THE FRONT OF THE WING SO THAT THE MIRRORS GET FITTED IN THE SAME POSITION ON BOTH SIDES.



**2** MARK THE SPOT AND MAKE A START FOR THE DRILL USING A CENTRE PUNCH. STICK MASKING TAPE ROUND THE MARK TO PREVENT THE DRILL POINT SLIPPING.

**3** DRILL THE HOLE. FIRST WITH A SMALL BIT THEN ENLARGE THE HOLE WITH A LARGER BIT.

**4** FILE THE HOLE TO THE EXACT SIZE REQUIRED. AND PAINT PRIMER ON THE EDGES OF THE HOLE TO PREVENT RUST STARTING.

FIT THE MIRROR, USING A BOX SPANNER TO TIGHTEN THE RETAINING NUT UNDER THE WING.

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## The all-problem corporation

## Is your greatest problem the lack of problems?

By Y. Tahir.

JEDDAH — If you don't have a problem, don't ignore it, nobody can or should live without problems. In this modern age of ours, when everyone around you is overwhelmed with problems, it is not wise or practical to remain underwhelmed. If you don't have a nagging worry about something, some abnormality about the personality make-up may be suspected. You'll feel like the goldfish in the bowl: alone, cut off from the mainstream.

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tige and privileges that go with being sick.

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Headaches are the most popular of the maladies, and naturally remain most in demand. A long painstaking research and years of experimenting have enabled us to induce any type of headache you desire. On your first trial you'll be surprised to learn how easy it is to get it! You will also feel bleary eyed. You can choose from the throbbing pain at the back of the head, a lingering pain all over or migraines lasting whole days together.

Apart from giving the necessary rest to the body, headache — the most plausible of the reasons — allows you to shun the unpleasant tasks of the day and to avoid unwelcome meetings. It confers the added privilege on you to demand a hot cup of tea or coffee right in bed.

## Pains In The Limbs And The Back.

Though generally recommended for all, these pains are ideally suited for the housewife, giving her a welcome respite from the boring, repetitive household chores. Let the husband back from a tiring day at the office, look after the minor details in and around the house, e.g. cleaning, washing and cooking.

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The benefits of the fevers are too well-known to be stressed here. The students taking final exams, naturally without much preparation, have found them to be of special usefulness. To have "temperatures" during the papers is a good reason, the validity of which cannot be doubted, for not scoring high grades.

## Catarrh or Common Cold.

To keep snivelling, sneezing or blowing your nose is not the nicest thing to do in the world, admitted, but this is the only practical way of keeping yourself to yourself. The hectic, feverish routine of the daily life doesn't give you a moment's peace; unwelcome peo-

ple pester you all the time. By the moment you get the common cold, you make the wondrous discovery that such persons are shaken off as if by magic. Even your closest friends will avoid you; they will be kept "at an arm's length" from the tip of your nose.

## Depression, Boredom and Ennui.

It is commonly thought that only the people of intellect, endowed with the faculty of imagination, like the creative artists, suffer from these complaints. To have depression or boredom gives you 'class'.

It is never necessary to explain why a man feels bored or depressed — the fact that he is feeling so is quite enough.

Very few people are capable of appreciating why the creative powers of a writer become dormant, his pen remaining dry for months. The reason: he is feeling depressed. So the fact that you are depressed, should explain to your own or others' satisfaction why you haven't achieved so far what you are quite capable of doing. No better reason can be thought of for postponing your creative efforts.

So if you are feeling all right, in the best of health and cheerful, don't despair. With our efficacious depression-inducing medication you'll feel sad, cheerless, dull and morose within no time at all. You'll get an empty feeling in the pit of the stomach, and hollow vacant eyes staring at nothing in particular.

## Heart disease, heredity link being studied

LONDON (LPS) A Scottish geneticist is analysing why some apparently physically fit people keel over with a heart attack while they are quite young while others can survive heavy smoking until old age.

Professor Forbes Robertson from the Department of Genetics at Aberdeen University in Scotland has been looking at body chemicals called serum lipoproteins which he believes provide a key to why some people are more at risk of a heart attack than others.

"Serum lipoproteins carry fat and cholesterol around the body," says Professor Robertson. "Different kinds of serum lipoproteins carry different concentrations and what is important is not the total amount carried but what actually happens at molecular level to affect the risk of heart disease."

"To put it at its simplest, if someone has a high concentration of high density serum lipoprotein molecules, it can act as a defense against coronary heart disease."

"But if there is a high concentration of low density serum lipoprotein molecules that person is at a much greater risk."

To discover why some people have greater natural protection than others against heart disease, Professor Robertson has had to tackle the problem of what is genetically and what is environmentally determined in the human make-up.

## Another Look

## Blind leading the blind

By Robert Youmans

When William Clark was nominated as No. 2 man in the State Department a little over a year ago, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was dismayed to discover that Clark, an old friend of President Reagan's, knew next to nothing about foreign relations. His gaffes made headlines.

When Ronald Reagan (whose "general indifference to the intricacies of foreign affairs" has caused substantial concern within the administration," to quote the *Wall Street Journal*) reviewed the postwar history of Vietnam in a recent press conference, his gaffes, too, made headlines.

So, things being the way they are, guess who is now conducting the daily briefing of the president on events abroad?

That's right, William Clark, who has become chief of the National Security Council.

A typical briefing probably goes something like this:

"Let's see," says Clark. "The first thing on the agenda is a report of a possible coup against the government of Indonesia."

"Bill," the president says "you don't pronounce the 'p' in that word, it's pronounced 'coo'."

"Really? OK. Anyway, what's his name thinks that the Communists are hatching a plot to take over."

"But the Communists did take over Indochina!"

"Right, but this is Indonesia. It's, uh, down south further."

"Oh, yes, I remember now. Let's send them some arms. What's next?"

"In the Middle East the war between Iran and Iraq seems to be heating up again."

"Bill, I've been wondering for some time, but I've forgotten to ask: Who are we for, Iran or Iraq?"

"I don't know! It can't be Iran, because we practically went to war with them ourselves. But Iraq is tied to the Soviets."

Both men are silent for several moments. "What if it comes up at a press conference?" the president asks.

"Tell them that if we keep tipping our hand in such situations it will endanger national security."

Reagan looks at Clark Admiringly.

"Next, Angola. There's a lot of pulling

and hauling on this one. Some of our supporters want to break relations with the Marxist government, but others want to keep doing business there."

"What business? Is that where the sweet-ers come from?"

"I don't think so. I think they come from Angola."

"Where's that?"

"Or maybe it's Andorra."

"Are they the real soft kind?"

"No, you're thinking of cashmere."

"Where's that?"

"I'm not sure, but there's a place called Kashmir near China, I think. Or Iran."

"Nancy loves the stuff. And Jerry Zipkin actually has said made out of it. You know, Jerry got off a funny one the other day. There was this family on food stamps, and they go to the post office where —"

"I think we'd better move on to El Salvador, Mr. President."

"Do we have to?"

"This time it may be good news. Al Haig says they've caught a Nicaraguan soldier fighting with the rebels."

"ANOTHER? This makes the third one! The other two were flukes! Disasters! They made us look foolish all over the world. Al is so desperate that he's probably put a Nicaraguan uniform on some Spanish-speaking CIA spook. Tell him not to make any more announcements until we find at least a platoon of Cubans using Russian weapons."

"Right. The next item on the agenda is the M.B.F.R. talks in Vienna. The question is whether we should pull out."

"The what?"

"M.B.F.R. talks. That stands for...let's see. It doesn't say here. I'll have to call my assistant...Hello, Phil? This is Bill. Say what does M.B.F.R. stand for?...Oh, Really? OK, Thanks."

"What is it?"

"It's the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction talks between NATO and Warsaw Pact forces. They started in 1973."

"Mmm. Nixon was in then, so we can't blame it on the Democrats. I guess we might as well continue. What's next?"

"That's it for today, Mr. President."

"Thanks, Bill. These briefings are a big help. See you tomorrow."

Wednesday April 21.  
Letter to a movie actress

## BAGGIE THERAPY FOR ARTHRITIS

## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: What's better for arthritis — heat or cold applications?

I developed arthritis in my left knee about six months ago. I am 64. It's not gout; my doctor calls it osteoarthritis, which is supposed to be common in my age group.

In addition to prescribing aspirin, the doctor suggested turkish-towel applications wrung out of warm water. But they don't help much. Isn't aspirin sufficient for my ailing joint? — Mrs. L.

Dear Mrs. L.: Warm applications of dry or moist heat are often quite helpful. But there are exceptions like yourself who don't benefit from the heat.

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In a recent study mentioned in *Geriatrics* magazine, doctors described cold treatment as "haggie therapy". Dr. Peter Usinger and associates treated the knees of 24 arthritic patients with cold: applying plastic bags, filled with six ice cubes, above and below one knee for 20 minutes, three times a day for four weeks.

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Use of heat has been the traditional treatment. If there's little relief, arthritic patients like yourself should consider baggie therapy.

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(Replies to and from readers)

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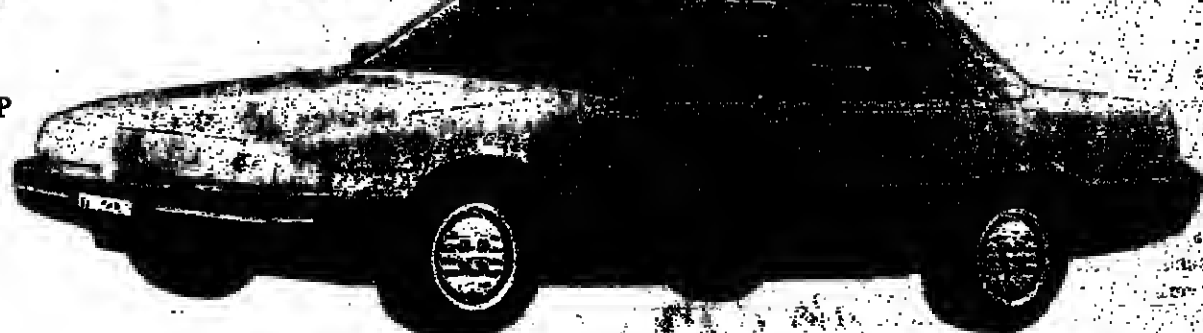
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Mrs. Indira Gandhi has an aura of charm few leaders of the world can emulate. Born in the privileged Nehru household, educated in prize, Indian and European institutions and groomed since childhood for leadership, Mrs. Gandhi is a leader who is complimented on her simplicity and admired for her tenacity, even by her ardent critics.

On the auspicious occasion of the lady Prime Minister's visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the first by an Indian Head of Government since Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru's visit in 1956, Mrs. Gandhi rekindles the historic ties that date back many centuries and reaffirms the cordial relations that have existed between the leadership of the two countries particularly since India's independence.

Mrs. Gandhi has paid official visits to the following countries since stepping into the Prime Minister's office from January 1966 - March 1977 and from January 1980 to date.

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city that have won her fans all over the world. The French Institute of Public Opinion in 1967 and 1968 placed her as the most admired woman by the French people. A similar compliment was given by the special Gallup Poll Survey in the USA in 1971.

Daughter of the late Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Gandhi grew up in a political environment. She was actively involved in the independence movement in 1947 and had gained considerable experience in political, economic and social affairs before she accepted the reins of the Government in January 1966. In the two tenures in office; January 1966 - March 1977 and from January 1980 -



H.M. King Khalid Bin Abdulaziz  
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi is accomplished in letters, art and science. She is the recipient of a long list of awards, degrees and medals from India, foreign countries and international organizations. She is the author of several books and collections of speeches and writings which largely stem from personal experiences during the prime years of her career, and her innate good sense.

On her visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the people of India look up to the historic meeting between their leader and the worthy leader of the Saudi Arabians H. M. King Khalid bin Abdulaziz, with great expectations. There are more than 120,000 Indians living and working in Saudi Arabia, in complete harmony with their brethren and the environment. Their contribution towards the development of the Kingdom has been appreciated both in the public and private sectors. The Indian community, now looks forward to their leader's visit as the culmination of their efforts to bring the two nations closer, for the world to see and applaud.

**ON THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE:** "Even in the thirties when we ourselves were struggling for freedom, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru spoke out against the injustices to which Arab and Palestinians, in particular, were subjected."

**ON ISLAM:** "The contribution of Islam in the fields of mathematics, astronomy, medicine, architecture, literature, music and our handicrafts is well-known. In fact, but for this contribution, India would not be what it is today."

**ON THE WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY:** "The aim of the world conservation strategy should be to ensure that every man, woman and child on earth has fingers that will grow rather than grab things."

**ON THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:** "It (non-aligned movement) has withstood attempts and attacks to divide its ranks. In spite of the weaknesses which have crept in, it remains a force in international life. Its conceptual relevance is as valid as in the early fifties."

It is not only her position as the premier of the 2nd largest country in Asia that takes her far and wide, but her reputation as a politician, statesman and humanitarian, that brings her face to face with world leaders, issues and problems. Her views on major

international issues are given serious thought to. Humanitarian problems never escape her attention. Conservation of energy, protection of wild life and environment figure largely in her projections of the future. Above all, it is her intellect, bearing and simpli-

the present day, she has steered the country through war, political unrest and crises, economic stresses and strains, natural catastrophes and has emerged a victor, giving her country glory, prestige and honour in the process.

## EVERY SEASON IS A REASON TO BE IN INDIA

The very name India, conjures up a thousand images and impressions. For some, it is the grandeur of the Taj Mahal. For others, it is the exotic colours of the flowing silk saris. Yet to others, it is the alluring hand movements of an Indian classical dancer. And still to others, it is the land of the Bengal Tiger. But India, much more than these, is a country that lives because her people have given her life.

Anytime is the right time to visit India. India is always in season.

A year is divided into more than four seasons. You can find them in the snowcapped Himalayan mountains, on the warm beaches of the coastline, in the flowering fields of Kashmir and Kulu valleys, in the sun-baked villages of south India in the tropical jungles of Bengal. India is a many splendoured country.

Visitors love the winter. It is such a lovely combination of clear, blue skies, warm sunshine and crisp, cold nights in the north. Warm, balmy days in the south. While you can ski in the snowbound heights of Gulmarg and Kufri up in the Himalayas, you can also bask in the glorious sunshine on the beaches of Goa. Wherever you go, wherever you are, Indians will warm up your heart with their traditional 'Namaste' and charming hospitality.

Basant or spring comes quickly and makes a lingering exit. In the mountain valleys of Kulu and Kashmir, Kangra and Chambe, the hillsides are covered with wild flowers, the valleys adorned with pink and white blossoms.

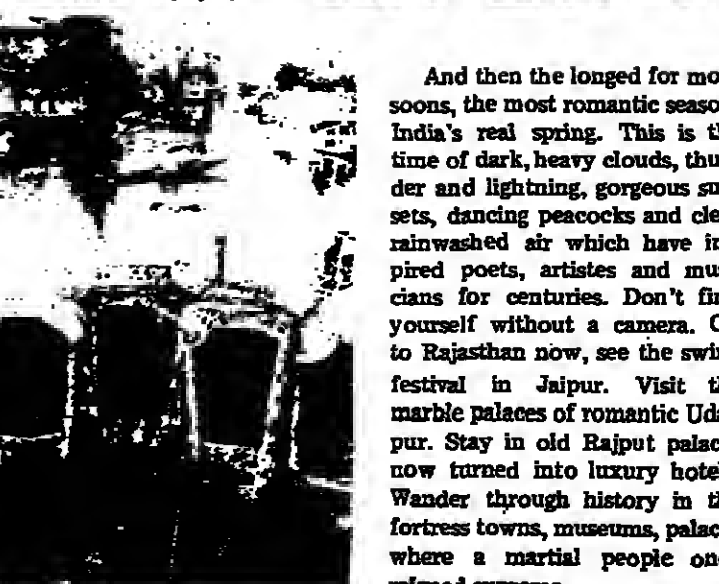
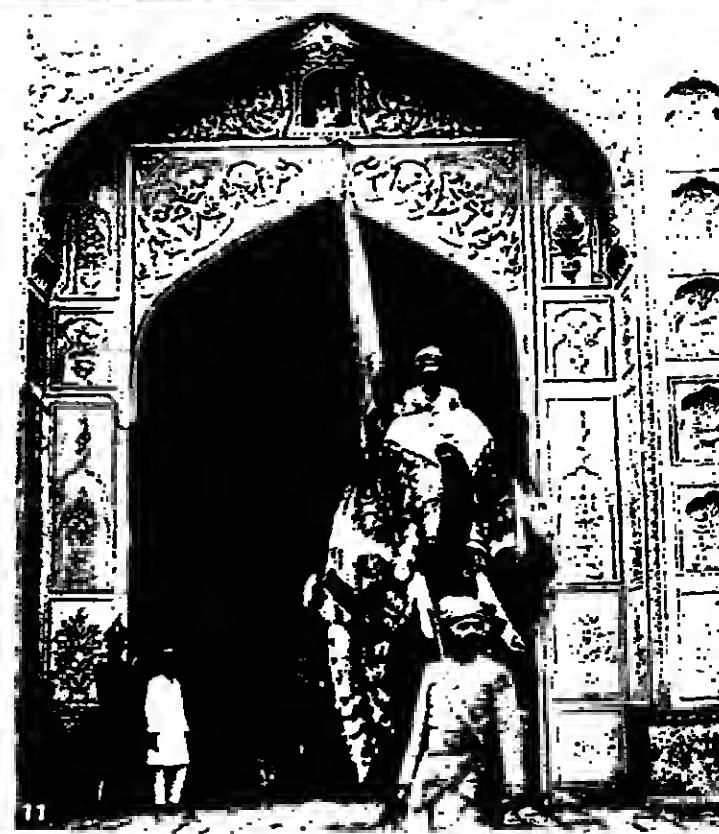
**Holi** - the spring festival of colours is at the height of the season. Join the fun, the laughter, the songs, all over India but try to be in Mathura in March, the legendary town where Lord Krishna battled maidens with a riot of colours.

An Indian summer may be hot, but it brings with it a burst of flowering trees, the king of fruits - the mango and long social evenings that stretch far out into the night. Try a chilled *Dussehra* mango and many others with more exotic names. Taste the subtle difference. Enjoy a bunch of succulent, fresh liches

and juicy, fragrant melons. Yes, Indian summers are not without their own typical flavour. Head for the hill stations. These charming mountain resorts are within easy reach from the large cities. Simla, once the imperial summer capital, Mussoorie, Ranikhet and Nainital are within reach of Delhi. Calcutta's own magnificent resort, Darjeeling offers a glimpse of Mt. Everest and a breathtaking view of the whole Kanchenjunga range. Ooty and Kodakanal oesle in the Blue mountains of the south, and the Western Ghats of Bombay, have many little week-end hideaways. The floating Shikaras



In the Kashmir valley are nostalgically recalled by visitors who experienced the pure joy long, long ago.



The Deccan plateau is green and welcoming in the monsoons. Explore Ajanta and Ellora, the ancient caves hidden among green mantled hills, the air fragrant with moist earth. Speed a few days in princely Hyderabad and visit the mighty rock fortress of Golconda. Discover the lost city of Mandu or the ancient stupa at Sanchi in central India. And the temples of Khajuraho are never more beautiful than at this time of the year.

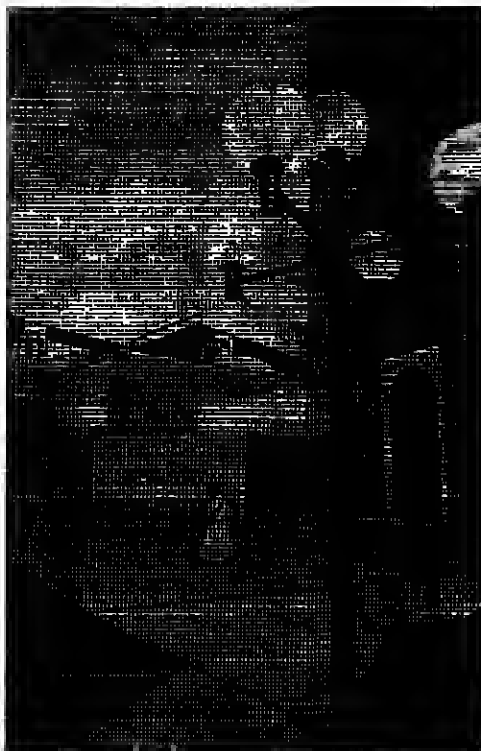


The earth gradually turns golden for the harvest. Festival follows festival. The harvest festivals of the south. The snake boat races in Kerala in August. The ten day *Dussehra* (October) celebrated with splendour in the state of Mysore. Bengal celebrates its own *Durga Puja*. And all India lights up for *Diwali*. Millions of flickering oil lamps, candles and lights decorate doorways and rooftops to welcome Laxmi, the goddess of wealth, while the skies are ablaze with fire works.

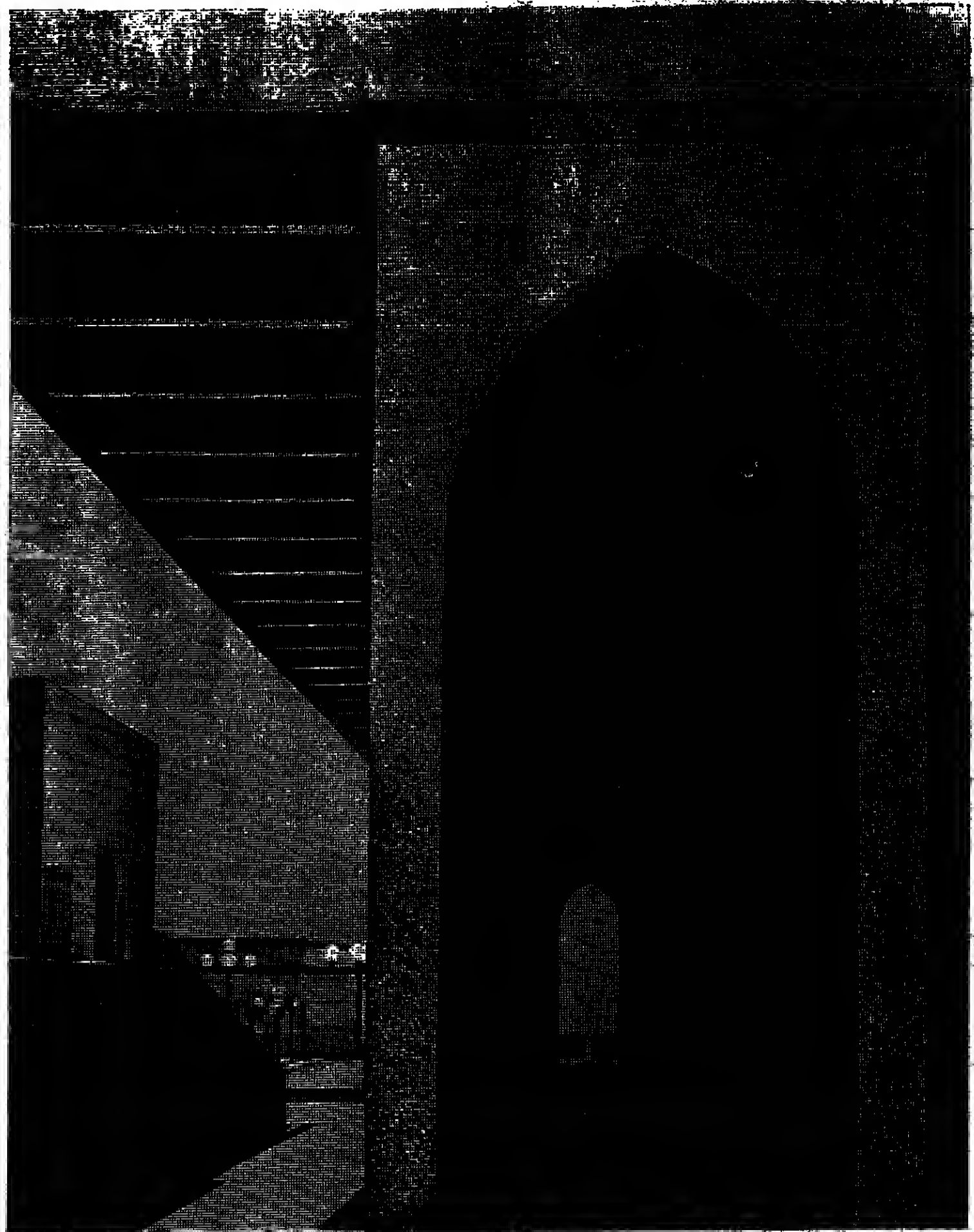
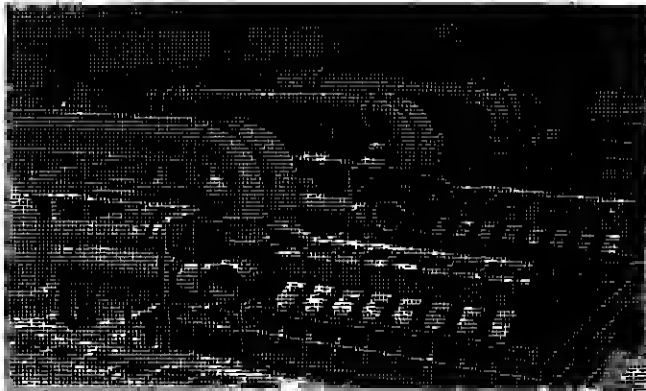
Once again there is a nip in the air. The New Year is ushered in with much festivity. The pageantry of the republic day on January 26 in Delhi is back once again. And so the year ends. But India lives on in the whispering pines, in the colourful festivals, inside temples, from the towering minarets, in the old royal palaces, in the echoing caves of Ajanta, in the flowering lotuses, in the raags of music and in its people who have given India a beauty that is perennial in a world of constant change.

1. Shri Mangesh temple, Goa. 2. Qutub Minar, Delhi. 3. The application of henna on festive occasions. 4. Bengal Tiger. 5. Mixture of Hindu and Muslim architecture. 6. Taj Mahal, Agra. 7. Carved pillars of Srirangam temple. 8. Nainital, Himalayas. 9. Shikaras (Houseboats) in Kashmir. 10. Red Fort, Delhi. 11. Dussehra procession, Mysore. 12. Victory tower of Chittorgarh. 13. National Art Gallery, Madras. 14. Osmania University, Hyderabad.





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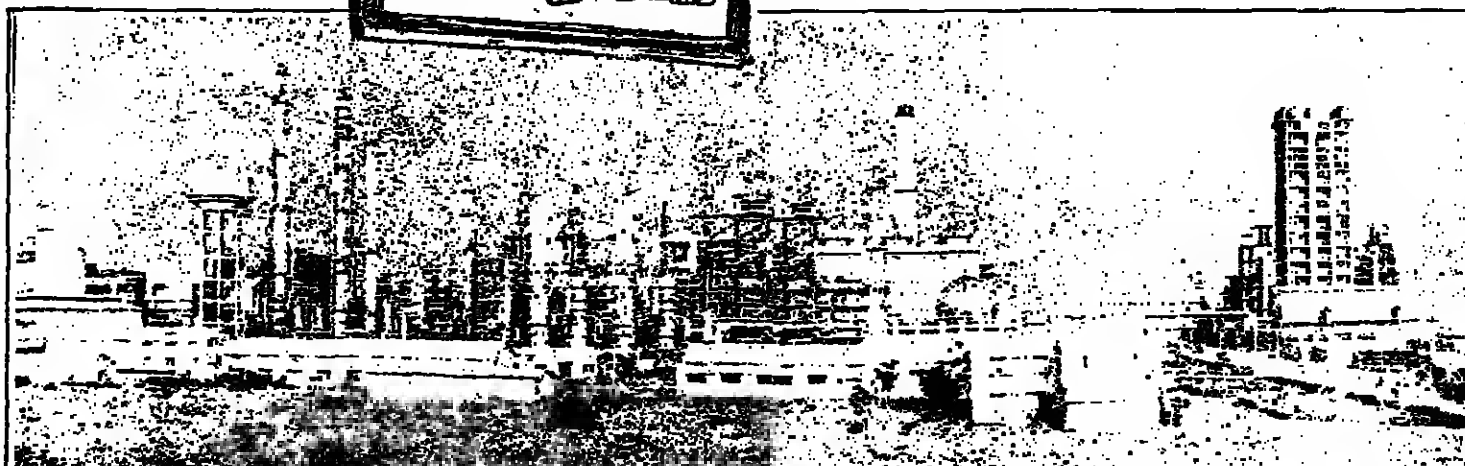




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## Planned development leads to massive industrial change

By Special Correspondent

PLANNED economic development has effected a striking change in India's industrial structure from traditional to modern, leading to a very large expansion of industries including metallurgy, mechanical and electrical engineering, chemicals and allied products.

India now ranks 10th among industrialised nations and has the third largest reservoir of technical and scientific manpower in the world.

The Indian government has sanctioned more than 400 joint ventures abroad, of these those in production or operation numbered 117, while others at various stages of implementation totalled 87 on August 31, 1980.

### DYNAMIC

Indian investment in these ventures amounts to more than \$27 million, and they include sugar, food processing, textiles, building construction, chemical products and pharmaceuticals.

Among the various sectors of Indian industry, engineering is the most dynamic. Nearly one-third of the capital employed and gross national production consists of engineering goods.

As the world enters the 1980s, India is firmly entrenched in its position as a leading industrial nation. If, therefore, the present decade is an era of greater challenges, Indian engineering will certainly prove it is equal to the task.

### TECHNOLOGY

India's role in the petrochemical and fertiliser industries is equally commendable, and its manufacturers have the experience and expertise to construct steel storage tanks and spheres, process columns, liquid oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and ammonia storage, gas holders, pressure vessels, heat ex-

changers, clad and alloy steel vessels for grass roots refineries, fertiliser factories, operating refineries, petrochemical complexes, and steel mills.

India today possesses processing technology in pipelines, petroleum refining, petrochemicals-chemicals, fertilisers, metallurgy, ocean engineering, paper, cement and power refractories.

It can also provide services for feasibility studies, project reports, project management, process development-design, detailed engineering, procurement services, construction management, commissioning and plant start-up, heat and mass transfer equipment design, environmental engineering, systems engineering and electronic data processing.

Specialised Indian organisations undertake projects involving the construction of pipelines for natural gas, condensate, slurry and petroleum and related facilities, design, procurement and installation of complete steel-main water supply systems, water treatment facilities and pump stations, fabrication and erection of main and interconnecting piping systems and petrochemicals, fertilisers, chemical and steam power plants.

They also undertake the erection and installation of heavy plant and equipment, associated electricals, main and auxiliary piping systems for steam power, refineries, fertilisers, liquid natural gas and petrochemical plants, fabrication and welding power projects, design and engineering and complete turnkey installation of transmission, distribution and use of electric energy, as well as services for operation and maintenance of petrochemical, fertiliser and power plants.

India manufactures and exports sophisticated cranes for use with railway rolling stock, paper machinery,

road construction equipment, materials handling, ropeway systems, mini-roof support and allied equipment, besides all types of structural and industrial machines.

With an interdisciplinary work force comprising engineers specialised in mechanical, civil, electrical and chemical sectors, metallurgists, economists, architects and designers, it is fully equipped to provide a total range of consultancy services such as development planning, studies of economic environment, socio-economic surveys and project profiles, market research, techno-economic feasibility studies, turnkey assignments and revaluation of plant and equipment.

### CONSULTANCY

Indian firms have executed civil construction projects in West Asia and North Africa. Their range of services covers residential buildings, airport complexes, roadways, bridges, water treatment and sewage projects, towns, flyovers, dams and grain silos.

About 90 companies in the public sector and 60 in the private provide consultancy in such varied fields as financial management for shipbuilding and repairs and engineering services for fertilisers.

They cover the entire spectrum of industrial and infrastructural activity, with nearly 15,000 qualified professionals working in these organisations.

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## On eve of SPD congress

## W.Germans protest missile deployment

MUNICH, West Germany, April 17 (R) — Thousands of protesters rallied here Sunday to demand that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) abandon NATO plans to put new U.S. nuclear missiles in West Germany from next year.

Police said at least 10,000 demonstrators attended the first of a series of planned protest meetings and marches in Munich this weekend ahead of the SPD's national congress, which opens here Monday. The issue of

## 3 Britons may face Argentine spying charges

LONDON, April 17 (AP) — Three British journalists arrested in Argentina could face spying charges, an editor said Saturday. "We understand there is a possibility that the three of them will be facing charges on Monday of suspicion of military espionage," said Donald Treford, editor of *The Sunday Observer*. He said his information came from a source in Argentina.

The arrested men are Simon Winchester who writes for *The Times* and *Sunday Times* and reporter Ian Mather and photographer Tony Prime of the *Observer*. The trio disappeared after leaving Buenos Aires to tour various Argentine cities and looking in on a hotel in the country's southernmost port of Ushuaia, capital of Tierra del Fuego province.

## Laotians claim toxic shell recovery

BANGKOK, April 17 (AP) — Laotian anti-Communist guerrillas have brought from Laos what they claim is a rocket containing deadly mycotoxin chemicals of the type allegedly used by the Laotian government against rebel groups, the daily *Bangkok Post* reported Saturday.

The newspaper said the rocket, which carried Soviet markings and was complete with a live warhead, was handed over to Australian government officials recently. Australian officials could not be immediately reached for comment Saturday.

The U.S. administration for the past several months has accused the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia of using "yellow rain" mycotoxins to suppress resistance in Indochinese states and Afghanistan. The charges have so far been based mostly

NATO nuclear strategy will top the agenda at the week-long conference, with a vociferous minority in the chancellor's party seeking either unilateral disarmament or an immediate freeze on nuclear arms in Europe.

Schmidt has threatened to resign if the SPD rejects NATO's decision to deploy 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in West Europe unless the Soviet Union agrees to reduce its medium-range nuclear arsenal by late 1983. Leaders of West Germany's big anti-nuclear peace movement called at Saturday's rally for a campaign of civil disobedience to prevent the stationing of the missiles.

Petra Kelly of the ecologist Greens Party, which made big gains in recent local elections at the expense of the SPD, called for "civil disobedience and non-violent direct action against rearmament and militarization."

Alexander Schuhart, leader of a long-running campaign to stop the extension of Frankfurt airport, urged the peaceful occupation of future missile sites "to create a situation where the deployment of missiles, and more generally the pursuit of this lunatic arms race, is rendered politically impossible." Most speakers said the peace movement had nothing to hope from the SPD, which under Schmidt and Defense Minister Hans Apel had become "a rocket and rearmament party."

SPD officials are predicting that a national executive motion, postponing a decision on the missile deployment until a special party congress next year, will win broad support from the 400 delegates. But there could be a close count on left-wing amendments calling for a deployment freeze for the duration of the Geneva U.S.-Soviet talks on curbing medium-range nuclear missiles.

on accounts of more than 1,000 refugees, mainly Laotians in Thai border camps. U.S. officials here say they have been awaiting more hard evidence, such as the discovery of ordnance used to deliver the poison.

The *Post* quoted anonymous sources as saying the rocket was brought to Thailand from the southern Laotian province of Savannakhet by resistance forces loyal to former Deputy Prime Minister Gen. Phoumi Nosavan.

The sources said it was tentatively identified as a B-46, a variant of the standard B-40 and B-41 rocket-propelled grenades, which can be carried and launched by a single combatant. The *Post* said the warhead had markings in the Russian Cyrillic alphabet, although the rocket itself may be American-made.

## Man jumps into U.S. mission in Peking to 'discuss visa'

PEKING, April 17 (Agencies) — A Chinese man tried to take refuge in the U.S. Embassy Saturday by jumping over the embassy wall, informed sources said. The man later left the embassy. Questioned about the incident, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said: "A Chinese man jumped over the wall at the American Embassy around 12:00 a.m. Saturday. He voluntarily left the embassy compound shortly after 2:00 p.m."

The spokesman refused to say whether the man had asked for asylum in the embassy, saying only "he talked at some length to some U.S. Embassy's officials about a visa problem." The man was spotted by Chinese soldiers guarding the embassy as he jumped over the wall, the spokesman added. Eyewitnesses indicated that several policemen arrived shortly after ward and waited at the gate of the embassy.

"He turned himself over to the Chinese officials who had expressed concern about the possibility that he might be a threat to American Embassy officials," the embassy

spokesman said. But he stressed that "at no time was he a threat and the embassy so informed the Chinese officials."

The spokesman refused to give details on the "visa problem" which the man had discussed with the embassy officials. Access to foreign embassies here is strictly controlled by Chinese soldiers who are also stationed all along the outer walls of the embassies.

The man, who took a considerable risk by jumping over the U.S. Embassy wall, probably wanted to emigrate to the United States, observers said. If such was the case, any help given to the Chinese by American diplomats would have had serious consequences for Sino-American relations, already strained by Washington's controversial arms sales to Nationalist China (Taiwan) subverters added.

While the man was inside, about two dozen soldiers and public security men were posted outside the compound. The incident demonstrated the difficulties experienced by ordinary Chinese who want to make contact with foreign embassies but had not been authorized to do so.

## On nuclear cooperation

## Sino-Romanian pact signed

PEKING, April 17 (Agencies) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu left Saturday for North Korea after concluding several cooperation agreements with Communist China including one on the peaceful use of nuclear energy, an embassy spokesman said.

The main accord signed Friday was a 10-year agreement on a program of economic, scientific and technical cooperation which Ceausescu said was of historic importance for relations between the two countries. The New China News Agency (NCNA) said China and Romania agreed to explore possibilities for cooperation in the fields of oil, metallurgy, coal, electric power, engineering, chemicals, light industry and agriculture.

No details were available on the nuclear cooperation accord, but the Chinese, who have nuclear weapons and atomic reactors for research and military purposes, want to develop a commercial nuclear power program. Ceausescu held talks with Chairman Hu Yaobang, Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang during his visit and agreed to develop Sino-Romanian ties further.

Hu has accepted an invitation from Ceausescu to visit Romania, NCNA said Saturday. It said the Romanian leader extended the invitation while bidding farewell to Chairman Hu before he left for North Korea at the end of the five-day state visit.

The international issues discussed included Sino-Soviet relations. Ceausescu is the only Warsaw Pact leader to have stayed aloof in

the 20-year ideological war between the two Communist giants. He said Friday he believed the long-standing dispute between Moscow and Peking could be resolved by direct negotiations between the two sides.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev last month made a new offer to mend fences with the Chinese. But his overture drew a cool response from Peking which called on him to match conciliatory words with deeds.

## To contest elections

## Indira rivals forge unity

NEW DELHI, April 17 (AP) — Members of three Indian opposition political parties ended a two-day convention Friday after establishing a "unified command" to contest state elections next month.

Janata (peoples) Party chief Chandra Shekhar, Biju Patnaik, leader of a splinter group from the Lok Dal (masses party), and Sharad Pawar, president of the rump Congress Party, were named to a candidate selection committee. The committee's choices will be final and the candidates chosen will run under a common banner against the forces of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's main Congress Party and the various Communist parties.

The final resolution of the convention in Chandigarh, 250 kms north of New Delhi, called for joint state conventions throughout India within three months "to complete the process of unity." About 11,000 people attended the convention, including three Lok Dal leaders whose presence there prompted their expulsion from the party by President Charan Singh, a former prime minister.

In unrelated developments, India had two new rocket and bomb scares Friday and investigators probed how nine Air Force rockets found their way into a major steel mill earlier in the week.

The country's fastest train, the New Delhi-Bombay Rajdhani Express, was delayed for three hours on its overnight run after an anonymous call to police that a bomb was aboard. Passengers and baggage were unloaded at Mathura, 200 kms south of New Delhi, but a search turned up no bomb, officials said.

Meanwhile, 13 live Air Force type rockets each two feet eight inches long were found in a railway coal car 200 kms east of New Delhi, the United News of India reported. Their

origin was unknown. Two days earlier, nine similar rockets were found in a trainload of limestone inside the sprawling Bokaro steel city, the Soviet-built complex 200 miles northwest of Calcutta. Two Communist members of parliament demanded an investigation into what they alleged was a plot to blow up the plant.

## U.S. expedition sets up advance camp on Everest

SEATTLE, Washington, April 17 (AP) — A team of climbers seeking to be the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest via the recently opened route through China and Tibet is on schedule despite high winds and howling dust, letters received here by friends and relatives indicate.

The team is led by Washington mountaineer Lou Whittaker, twin brother of Jim Whittaker, the first American to scale Everest, the world's highest peak at 29,028 feet (8,848 meters).

The letters said that five team members have established the advanced base camp at the 18,500-foot (5,640 meters) level of the mountain. The team members who set up the camp were Whittaker, Eric Simonson, Marty Hoey, George Dunn and Sherpa Nawang Gombu. Miss. Hoey is the only woman member of the team.

It also is believed that the climbers established camp on at the 21,000-foot (6,400 meters) level of the mountain this week and that all the team members have moved at least to the advanced base camp. Tibetan yaks have been used to move gear to the advance base camp.

Camps 2,3 and 4 will be established at progressively higher levels of the peak as the team moves slowly up the north face, getting into position for a final assault on the summit planned for early May.

While this was going on, other team members had to remain at the base camp at the 16,98-foot (5,150 meters) level due to flu, colds and some acclimation illness.

## BRIEFS

ERLANGEN, West Germany (AP) — West Germany's first "test-tube" baby was born here Friday in the Erlangen University's obstetric clinic, the clinic reported. The baby, a healthy 9 lb. 13 ounce boy, was born shortly before 3 p.m. The mother is 27 years old and the father 29.

TOKYO (AP) — External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rau of India arrived in Japan Saturday for a five-day visit which will include meetings with his Japanese counterpart, Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuraguchi, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and other government and business officials.

PARIS (AFP) — France has signed an agreement to sell 40 Mirage-2000 jet fighters to India, the Defense Ministry announced Saturday.

BELFAST (AP) — A policeman, shot from ambush in Belfast 16 days ago, in hospital Saturday. Sgt. David Brown of the Royal Ulster Constabulary was shot in a blind alley

in the Springfield district of Belfast when he was picking up a woman cleaner to drive her to the new Barnsley police station where both worked. The woman was unarmed.

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) — Police arrested four suspects in connection with the August 1980 terrorist bombing that killed 85 persons at the Bologna railroad station, judicial sources reported Saturday. Italian newspaper reports said the four belonged to right-wing extremist groups and were picked up Friday in raids in Rome, Milan and Bologna. Italy's leading daily, *Corriere Della Sera* of Milan, said police may have made their first break in the case.

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — Former South African cabinet minister Mulder Friday made his expected announcement that his National Conservative Party (NCP) will merge with recently formed South African Conservative Party (SACP) of another ex-minister, Andries Treurnicht.

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## To find a compromise

# Reagan challenges Congress on budget

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R) — President Ronald Reagan said the budget talks were approaching a climactic stage and challenged Congress to find a compromise.

Speaking to editors and broadcasters in the White House, Reagan suggested that congressional leaders were not fully aware of the consequences of failing to do so.

Reagan insisted, however, that he would not alter his firm commitment to tax cuts and he said the way to reduce the deficit and interest rates was to slash federal spending further.

"With cooperation from Congress on spending I think we can have some recovery," he said.

Reagan said bipartisan talks between his administration and Capitol Hill leaders were "approaching a climactic stage and I want to express my strong hope that they succeed."

He said his administration has approached the problem with a conciliatory and constructive

spirit, but suggested others did not appreciate that more was at stake than Congress and the White House. "It's the country as a whole, millions of hardworking Americans who need a sound budget."

In an unrelated development, U.S. financial executives expect the recession to end in the second quarter of 1982, but they see a very slow recovery into 1983, the conference board said.

A survey of 37 executives from major U.S. non-financial companies found that the group expects a decline in economic activity in the second quarter, it said.

A recovery is expected after that, with real gross national product growing at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in the third quarter and 3.3 percent in 1983, the board said.

The conference board said the group sees continued progress in reducing inflation, with the average inflation rate, as measured by the GNP deflator, declining to 7.1 percent in 1983 from 7.5 percent this year.

## Uganda economy looking up

KAMPALA, April 17 (AP) — Nearly a year after President Milton Obote administered a strong dose of fiscal and monetary medicine, Uganda's beleaguered economy seems to be coming back to life.

Large quantities of sugar, salt and soap are appearing in Kampala's markets after an 18-month absence. Prices of basic foods such as green bananas — "matoke" — and potatoes have remained high but fairly stable. Pirated cassette tapes from Hong Kong are readily available and cheaper than in neighboring Kenya. But life is still tough for Ugandans.

## U.S.-Soviet grain talks set in May

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R) — The U.S. and Soviet Union will meet in Paris May 21 and 22 for regular grain consultations under their long-term agreement, Senators Robert Dole and Roger Jepsen said.

The two Republicans said in a statement, "agreement on scheduling these important talks is a vital and necessary step toward restoring normal grain trade relations between the two countries." Consultations are required under the pact twice a year.

The talks will focus on supply-demand conditions, shipping schedule and Soviet purchase intentions for the last half of the agreement, say problems with the quality of U.S. grain and other matters relating to grain trade.

## Suzuki revives India car industry's hopes

NEW DELHI, April 17 (AFP) — The entry of Japan's Suzuki car company into the Indian market to manufacture compact cars, micro buses and pick-up vans, will give a much needed boost to the Indian car industry, staggering under the pressure of obsolete technology.

This is the first time that a foreign company will enter into direct auto production participation in India since the indigenous car industry was born 30 years ago.

The official seal to the \$200 million small car project came Tuesday when Suzuki and the state-owned Indian company Maruti signed a memorandum of understanding here. Suzuki will have a 25 percent equity participation in Maruti. It will transfer technology for the manufacture of the vehicles.

The signing of the memorandum brought

to an end a decade-old Indian search for a collaborator for Maruti — the company first started by Indian prime minister's late son, Sanjay Gandhi in the early 70's but taken over by the government after his death in June 1980.

Nine foreign companies — Leyland (Britain), Renault and Peugeot (France), Volkswagen (West Germany), Fiat (Italy), Nissan, Mitsubishi, Daihatsu and Suzuki (Japan) and Ford-Australia (A U.S. Japanese combined making cars in Australia) — were in the run to bag the Indian deal.

The last round of competition narrowed down to Renault and Suzuki. The Japanese company won the race, as Indian technical experts felt the proposed Maruti-Suzuki car was best for Indian requirements, while the company's financial terms were better than

## U.S. money supply rises by \$7 billion

NEW YORK, April 17 (R) — U.S. narrowly defined money supply M-2 rose \$7.1 billion to a seasonally adjusted \$453.6 billion in the week ended April seven, the New York Federal Reserve Board reported.

The previous week's figure was revised to \$446.57 billion from \$446.6 billion. The four-week moving average of M-1 rose to \$448.8 billion from 447.7 billion, and was 5.8 percent above the average 13 weeks previously.

M-2 for March was revised up to \$1,864.3 billion from \$1,864.0 billion. M-3 was revised up to \$2,235.4 billion from \$2,234.9 billion, the Fed said.

## Japan-U.S. joint oil hunt mooted

TOKYO, April 17 (AFP) — Officials of the Japan National Oil Corporation will visit the United States shortly to sound out major oil companies on possible closer cooperation for joint development of rich oil reserves at the mouth of the Pearl River in Southern China, it was reported Saturday.

China has said it will invite a large number of foreign companies to join an international tender in July to develop oil and deposits in the South China Sea.

More than 40 companies have expressed readiness to participate, raising the prospect of stiff competition.

The Japanese corporation is seeking closer cooperation with American oil majors because development costs for each of the Chinese-designated exploration districts are estimated at a minimum of 100,000 million yen (about \$408 million) on average, a press report said. Japan is hoping to win the tender for at least three of the 22 districts, it added.

## Turkey inflation records increase

ANKARA, April 17 (R) — Turkey's wholesale price index, used by the government as its main inflation indicator, rose 3.9 percent in March, trade ministry figures show.

The figures did not show the actual March index, which is based on the year 1963. The January-March figure was 9.5 percent while the year on year increase from March last year was 29.8 percent according to the figures.

Turkey's wholesale price index rose 36 percent in the 1981 calendar year. The government hopes to lower this to 25 percent this year.

## Wall Street

## Analysts optimistic of stock market rallying

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP) — The United States' economic outlook may offer little encouragement, but some technical analysts are taking an optimistic view of the stock market outlook right now.

They maintain that many of the charts and indicators they monitor point toward a continuation of the modest rally the market began last month.

"It's all systems go," contend Richard Yashewski and Joseph Bartel, who publish a technical market letter for the brokerage firm of Butcher and Singer.

"Call me bullish for April, May," says Ian McAvity, an investment advisor based in Toronto.

Technical analysts generally pay little or no attention to "fundamental" factors such as interest rates, industrial production or corporate earnings — most of which have been producing nothing but gloomy news of late.

Instead, they look for changes in the pattern of stock trading that might suggest an impending shift in investors' mood, and in the balance of supply and demand for stocks.

McAvity, for example, cites recent buying by corporate insiders, as reflected in statis-

tics compiled by stock Research Corp. of New York.

The theory is that these executives, directors and large shareholders tend to be pretty savvy about buying at market bottoms and selling at tops. At the last peak in stock prices, in late 1980, McAvity says, they were making four sales for every purchase. Recently, by his calculations, they have been doing more buying than selling.

This, he told readers of his letter, "is a bullish implication to be ignored at your own peril."

Some investors appear to be listening to such messages. In the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials edged up 48 to 843.42 for its fifth straight weekly gain.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 37 to 47.26, and the American Stock Exchange market value index up 3.39 to 274.15.

Big Board Volume averaged 48.38 million shares a day, against 50.85 million the week before.

One popular indicator among investment advisers is the trend toward optimism or pessimism within their own ranks. The reasoning goes that whenever advisory sen-

timent goes to one extreme or the other, the market is likely to move in the opposite direction.

Investors' Intelligence of Larchmont, New York, which keeps a tally of dozens of advisory services, found that more than 60 percent of them were bearish in late March, just as the market was beginning to move up.

As of last week, 49 percent were classified as bearish and only 32.7 percent bullish. "Those figures suggest that the market is still capable of additional gains," the firm concluded.

Still another measure monitored by many technicians is margin debt, the amount of money out on loan to brokerage-firm customers.

In the first three months of the year, according to the NYSE, margin debt dropped \$2.3 billion for its biggest quarterly decline since the exchange began keeping records on it.

"Margin accounts have been sellers throughout the rally," said Newton Zinder, technical analyst at E.F. Hutton and Co., "and the usual pattern is for them to become buyers at or near a peak."

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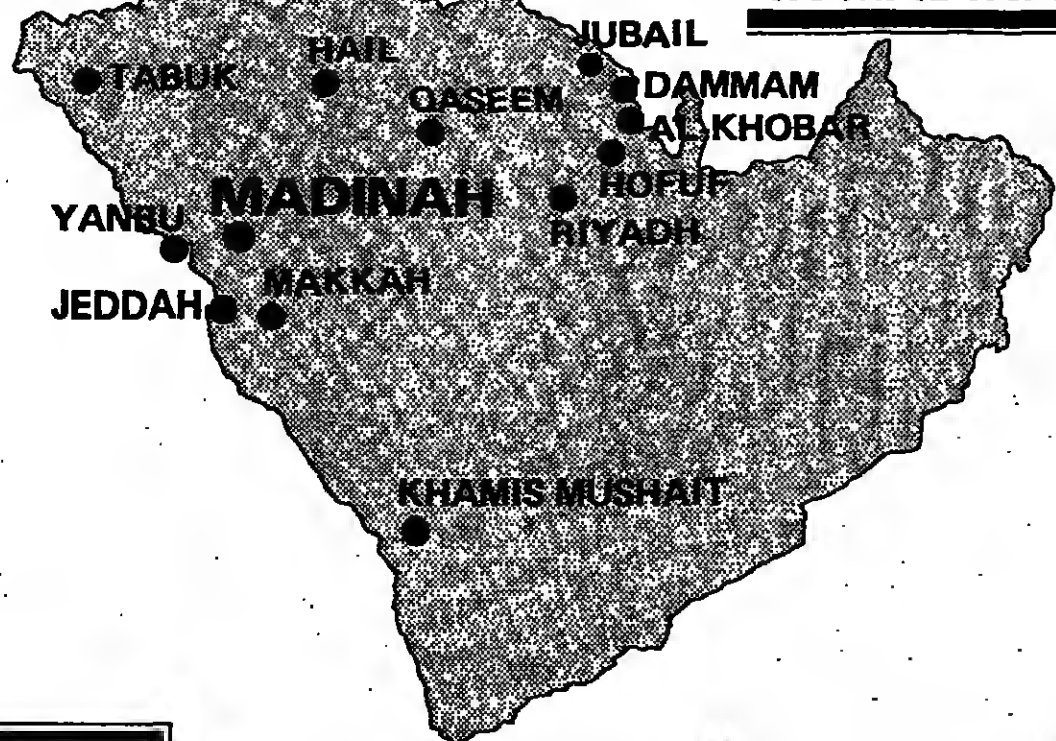
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## Protectionism danger mounting

## France warns Japan on trade

TOKYO, April 17 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand has warned Japan of an increasing danger of protectionism unless progress is made toward trade concessions.

Mitterrand told a press conference Saturday that he had issued the warning in talks with Japanese leaders here during his five-day official visit.

Saying he had told Japan of "the grave consequences of a lack of understanding," the French leader said: "If no progress is made borders will inevitably be closed."

There comes a time when a great nation like Japan must participate fully in world developments and must accept its responsibility," Mitterrand added.

The problem, he stressed, involves not just Japan and France, but Japan and all of Western Europe.

Mitterrand said he had also urged discussions of protectionist trends prior to the summit of industrialized nations, scheduled to be held in Versailles, France, in June.

Japan and Europe were "equally concerned about the split between the industrial countries of the North and the nations of the Third World to the South," he said.

They were also concerned about "the tremendous fluctuations in currency and the domination of one currency" and excessive interest rates and would, he predicted, be forced to "fight together against the pernicious and dramatic effects of the world crisis."

## Reagan income almost doubles

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's income nearly doubled last year, according to his tax return released by the White House.

The joint return said Friday the president and his wife had an adjusted gross income in 1981 of \$412,730 on which they paid taxes of \$165,641.

In the previous year, when he did not have a full-time job and was campaigning for the presidency, Reagan reported an income of \$227,468 with a tax bill of \$69,563.

Reagan's income as president was listed as \$193,776, not the full \$200,000 salary, since he did not take office until January 20 last year. He also earned money from trust accounts and stocks and from royalties on books and previous television appearances.

To lessen the tax burden, the Reagans quadrupled their charitable donations last year, largely through the controversial tactic of giving some of Mrs. Reagan's haute couture dresses to fashion museums.

Accepting some French responsibility for bilateral trade cuts, Mitterrand said there was "thick wall of ignorance" in France as far as Japan concerned.

Asked whether the conditions for Western solidarity had been achieved for the Versailles summit, he said categorically "no," the conditions have not yet been achieved.

Earlier Saturday, the French leader, who throughout talks with the Japanese leadership stressed what France could offer in advanced technology, toured Japan's national science center here.

A highlight of the visit was the electro-technical laboratory, where research is under way on an "intelligent robot" which, however, remains at the stage of an "intellectual gadget" for the time being, according to Japanese experts.

The sprawling center, pride of Japan's scientific sector and completed only in 1980, is home to some 12,000 people who carry out both fundamental and applied research in

several laboratories and institutes.

In the robot lab, a giant hand and arm with flexible "fingers" and "thumb" was advanced with great effect by remote control to grasp an object which it manipulated gracefully before putting it down again.

French Minister of Research and Technology Jean-Pierre Chevènement expressed particular interest in the lab, which also housed a "carpenter robot" capable of sawing, drilling and driving nails and a robot able to navigate alone.

At the environment research laboratory, practical research projects included a laser radar pollution detection system enabling scientists to monitor the air for a radius of 60 kms (35 miles), the distance to Tokyo from Tsukuba.

Mitterrand sounded a note of caution, however, on the subject of robots. If properly used, he said, they could ease the burden of man — "but without causing any additional unemployment."

## Weekly commodities

## Markets fail to sustain gains

LONDON, April 17 (AFP) — Despite the increase in international tension this week, commodity markets failed to sustain early gains after the long weekend holidays.

Fears that the U.S. shuttle diplomacy over the Falklands crisis was grinding to a halt, plus the flare-up in the Middle East, kept sellers somewhat reserved.

Sterling's uncertainty against the U.S. dollar was not sufficiently marked to influence prices greatly. Consequently profit was being taken when the opportunity arose, with trading very much on a day-to-day basis.

Gold reached its highest for two months and copper the highest for four months. But sugar, on the other hand, dropped to a two and a half year low.

The support given by the European Economic Community (EEC) to Britain by banning trade with Argentina continued to unsettle wheat and oilseed prices, which were quoted mostly higher, although sunflower seed oil took a sharp knock.

Gold: Firmer. With the new "futures" market opening in London Monday, April 19, there was good deal of active trading among bullion dealers this week. Producer selling did not seem so heavy as in recent weeks.

Buying originated in part from the Middle East, with operators liquidating their silver holdings where necessary. Later profit-taking developed as the U.S. dollar stayed firm.

Copper: Steadier. Prices fluctuated to their highest since last December on further consideration of the Phelps Dodge decision to

suspend its U.S. mining operations from April 17 for six weeks or until prices recover. There was also a general rise in U.S. producer prices, with sentiment later supported by Noranda's (Canada) decision to shut its Granby mine in British Columbia for 12 months from July. But the lack of genuine consumer interest was underlined by a further rise in stocks (825 tons to a 27 month high) of 132,200 tons, an increase of 10,000 tons over the past two months. Late profit-taking was checked by a miners' strike in Peru.

Tin: Steady. Tin council's buffer stock manager was forced to buy quite heavily this week in support of prices. The fall in stocks, down 450 tons to 38,960 tons, and outside influences had little impact. Meanwhile, the trade anticipated that the tin council will decide against imposing export controls on producers at next week's London meeting.

Lead: Dull. The sharp jump in stocks (up 6,625 tons to 79,550 tons), the highest total since October 1980, positively squashed any buying interest although the market picked up a little from its worst.

Zinc: Barely steady. Early falls were eliminated in union with lead and copper, sentiment being helped by a reduction in stocks (down 575 tons to 61,650 tons). But subsequently, the downward trend re-appeared in view of the lack of interest, although again, prices picked up from their worst.

Silver: Uncertain. Prices fluctuated up and down with gold and the U.S. dollar. Stocks rose by 150,000 ounces to 33,330,000 ounces.

## Arabs lend Africa \$6b in 5 years

TUNIS, April 17 (AFP) — Arab countries have given Africa \$6.7 billion in aid over the past five years, the Arab League's deputy secretary-general for international relations, Adnan Omran, has said.

In an interview with AFP, he said \$3.8 billion or 57 percent of the total had gone to West African countries, \$2.5 billion (37 percent) to East Africa and \$384 million (5.8 percent) to African regional institutions.

He said it had been given without political, religious or strategic consideration and was proof of the shared struggle of Arabs and Africans against racism and colonialism and for sovereignty and development.

The problems of Africa and the Arab world were in same, he said, and these would be discussed with a view to stepping up cooperation in all fields at next week's meeting in Dakar of the Arab-African permanent committee for cooperation.

## Paris plans to cut professional tax

PARIS, April 17 (R) — The French government plans to cut the revenue from the professional tax, which is levied on companies, by 11 billion francs, or more than 10 percent, over two years, a spokesman for the prime minister said.

After a meeting between Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and employers' federation leader Yvon Gattaz, the spokesman said the tax, which is calculated partly on the value of a company's buildings and equipment and partly on its salary bill, would be reduced by five billion francs this year and by six billion in 1983.

## Peking's plane makes test flight

PEKING, April 17 (AP) — The first passenger airplane ever produced in Communist China, a two-engine, 52-seat propeller plane, made a demonstration flight in Peking Saturday, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Xinhua said the Yun-7, with 41 people on board, reached a height of 3,000 meters in seven minutes, flew at speeds of up to 410 kilometers (255 miles) an hour and landed 22 minutes later.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. (Saturday)	SAAMA	Cash	Transfer
Algerian Dinar	100	11.91	11.91
Argentine Peso	100	18.90	18.90
Australian Dollar	100	22.50	22.50
Belgian Franc	100	142.50	143.55
Canadian Dollar	100	128.50	128.20
Deutsche Mark	100	3.30	3.73
Dutch Guilder	100	3.30	3.73
Egyptian Pound	100	2.35	2.35
European Dollar	100	54.50	54.70
French Franc	100	52.00	54.35
Greek Drachma	100	52.00	54.35
Indian Rupee	100	26.50	26.50
Iranian Rial	100	26.50	26.50
Israeli Sheqel	100	26.50	26.50
Italian Lira	100	13.95	13.95
Japanese Yen	100	4.72	4.72
Jordanian Dinar	100	12.00	11.94
Kuwaiti Dinar	100	60.25	60.85
Lebanese Lira	100	52.00	57.95
Mexican Dollar	100	20.35	20.35
Philippine Peso	100	6.10	6.07
Pound Sterling	100	94.50	94.20
Saudi Riyal	100	159.00	159.00
Singapore Dollar	100	37.30	37.30
South African Rand	100	173.80	173.80
Sri Lanka Rupee	100	56.30	63.80
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## Financial Roundup

## Dollar closes on strong note

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 17 — The American dollar closed the weekend trading on a fairly high and stable note in the New York market Friday night. The release of the weekly U.S. money supply figures boosted U.S. interest rates when it was revealed that the M1 measure rose by \$7.1 billion during the past week. This was about what the financial markets expected and there were predictions of yet even more increases in the coming weeks.

In New York also, the Federal Reserve Board continued with its tight monetary policy, allowing "Fed fund" prime lending rates to reach 15 3/8 percent level before closing at 15 percent.

In the exchange markets, the French franc and Belgian franc came under renewed devaluation pressures within the European Monetary System, but the British pound was stable after the Bank of England support Friday although the British central bank sent signals to the money markets that it did not wish U.K. interest rates to rise further.

In the bullion markets gold prices closed at \$359.80 an ounce in New York Friday night, after reaching \$363 level in Europe. Trading was described as featureless with little activity reported. Silver prices were slightly more stable at \$7.58 an ounce.

In the local markets Saturday rial deposit rates eased slightly from opening levels of 14-14 1/2 percent for most tenors as some last minute pre-budget liquidity injection came into market. Dealing was mostly restricted to short-dated funds and the local institutions were still cautiously assessing the Friday weekend rises in U.S. dollar rates. In the exchange markets, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4300-05 but some commercial demand for currencies pushed the spot rate higher to 3.4305-08 level by close of the trading session.

In the European and New York exchanges, the British pound was fairly stable at 1.7610 level and up over Thursday prices of 1.7580. There seemed to be more optimistic assessment of a peaceful outcome to the Falklands issue but it has been continuing Bank of England support for sterling that has kept that currency from falling further down. The German mark was weak at 2.4210 with no head way being made against the dollar while the Swiss franc traded more quietly at 1.9735 levels. The French franc was surprisingly stronger at 6.2800 levels after trading at 6.3100 in early Friday transactions in Paris, and also despite franc devaluation rumors. The Japanese yen continued to benefit from importer buying of yen at 247.31 levels as well as some determined support from the Central Bank of Japan.

## Alaska gas pipeline runs into snags

JUNEAU, April 17 (R) — Senator Frank Murkowski said financing problems are likely to delay the \$46 billion Alaska natural gas transportation system indefinitely.

Murkowski said he was told of the problem by Thomas Di Zerega, president of Northwest Energy Co. main sponsor of the project. Poor market conditions and failure of Northwest and the majority owners of Prudhoe Bay Gas to reach a financing agreement have stalled the project for at least two or three years, he told state legislators.

"While it is still possible financing could be

obtained this year with completion of the line in 1987, present conditions make this timetable appear unrealistic," he added.

Murkowski said he believes the natural gas eventually will be transported to the lower 48 markets, but he called the possible delay an "extremely significant and very serious" development for the state.

The producers are due to meet April 29 and 30 with Northwest to talk further about financing, but Murkowski said an agreement appears doubtful.

## BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan's industrial production and shipments dropped in February for the fourth successive month, while inventories rose for the third month running, it was announced Friday. The February index of mining and manufacturing stood at 149.6, down 0.1 percent from January, and that of shipments at 140.7, down 0.5 percent.

LONDON, (AFP) — Lloyds Bank chairman, Sir Jeremy Morse, has reassured shareholders that the bank's position in the Argentine is well within "prudent capacity". Lloyds has the biggest involvement in South America of any British bank. Its 38 branches in Argentina employ more than 2,000 staff, and it has led or participated in many international credits to Argentine borrowers.

LONDON, (AFP) — Any steadiness which may have existed in the sugar market

last week, has evaporated since the holidays and quotations have eased into lower ground, writes *Cornrow* in its latest review. White sugar prices have proved to be more vulnerable to the easier trend and the premium on them has narrowed slightly.

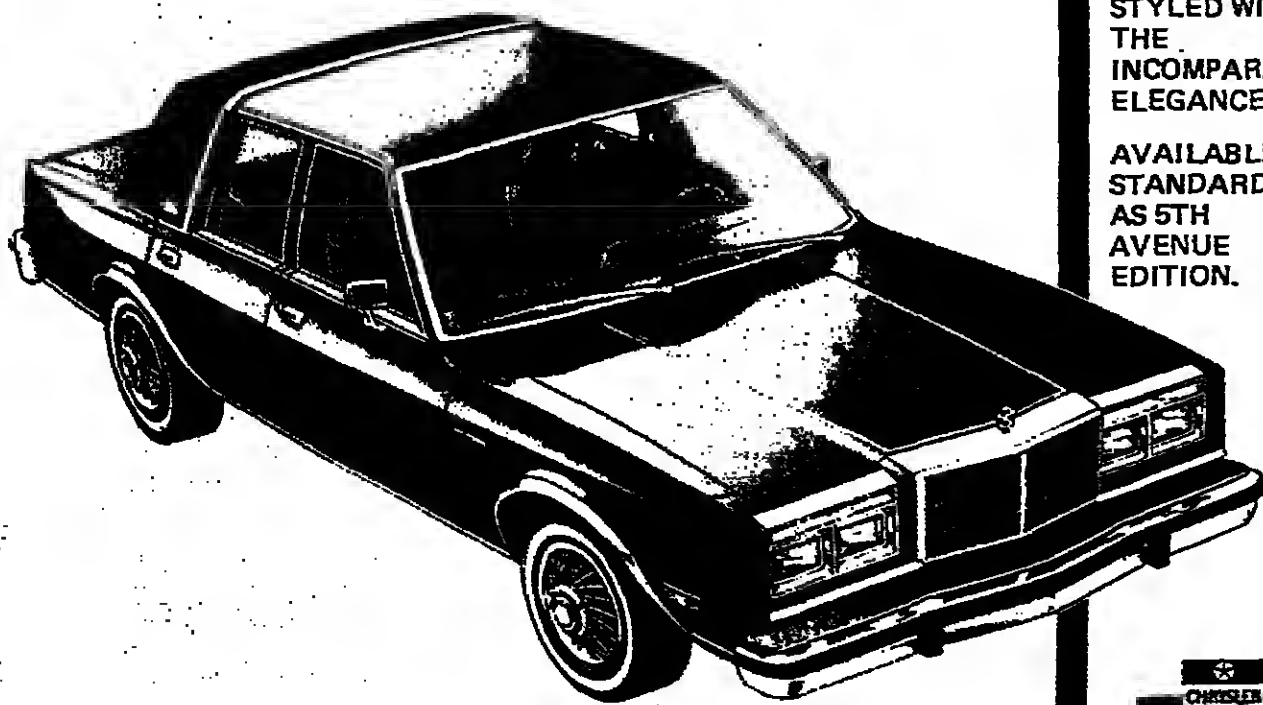
NEW YORK, (R) — Total U.S. business loans rose \$1.80 billion to \$204.37 billion in the week ended April 7, the New York Federal Reserve Bank said. The previous week's increase was revised to \$2.54 billion from \$2.59 billion.

BASEL, (AFP) — The Swiss chemical products firm, Ciba-Geigy, said Friday that Asahi-Ciba and Yuka Shell Epoxies are planning jointly to build a plant in Japan for the production of liquid epoxy resins. The plant, due to go into service in 1984, will be able to produce 20,000 tons a year. It will probably be built at Fuji city.

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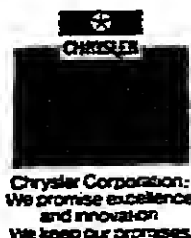
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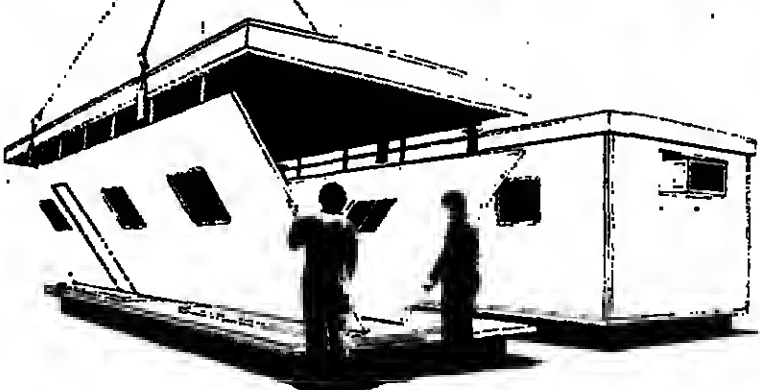
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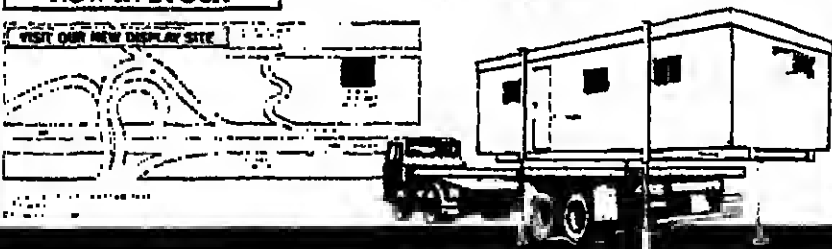
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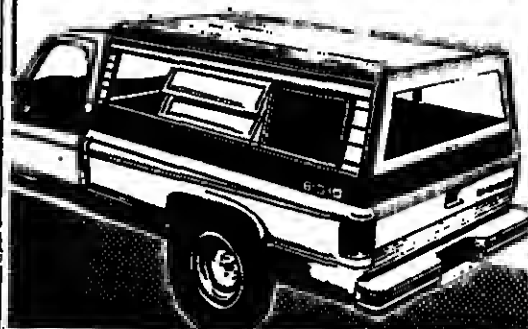
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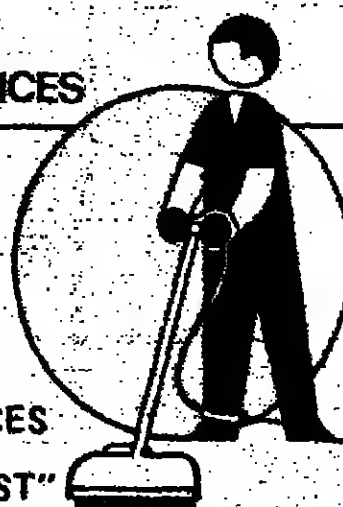
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## Gen. Evren pledges to revive democracy

ANKARA, April 17 (AP) — Turkey's head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, on Saturday reaffirmed his pledge to return this NATO-member nation to democratic parliamentary rule according to a timetable he announced earlier.

"The parliamentary democratic system is the best way of government in the world, provided that the system is wisely used and is not allowed to degenerate," Evren told a crowd in the western Turkish city of Balikesir. It was Evren's second policy address to the nation in the last two weeks.

## Cabinet rift erupts over law in France

PARIS, April 17 (AP) — When President Francois Mitterrand returns Monday from his five-day visit to Japan, he will find himself in the middle of a full-blown public dispute over law and order between two of the top ministers in his leftist government.

The long-brewing conflict broke out publicly on Thursday when Interior Minister Gaston Defferre told a meeting of high-ranking police officials he wanted tough new measures giving police more discretion in checking identities and the right to shoot after giving a warning.

Justice Minister Robert Badinter, who only learned of Defferre's comments via evening television news, shot back in a statement the following day that the interior minister was "speaking only for himself." He added: "All decisions relative to identity checks will be submitted in the arbitration of the prime minister and the cabinet."

Premier Pierre Mauroy has called the feuding ministers to a meeting Monday in an effort to spread a little oil on the troubled waters and patch up what some see as an increasing divergence of views among the ruling Socialists.

The core of the problem lies in the government's plans to abrogate a law passed late in the term of former Conservative President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The law, called "Securite et Liberte," (security and freedom), was approved to respond a public demand for law and order by toughening the penal code. It covers a wide range of subjects, including an end to suspended jail terms and parole for some repeat offenders and fixing mandatory sentences. It also gave police a wider power to make identity checks "to prevent an attack on public order," and "on the orders and responsibility of the judiciary police," the investigative branch.

Evren reiterated that a new constitution, now being prepared by a constituent assembly, would be presented to a national referendum prior to the formation of new political parties and holding of general elections. According to Evren's timetable the elections are to be held either in the fall of next year or in spring 1984.

However, the general, who led a bloodless coup which ousted the civilian government 19 months ago, delivered several warnings as well. He said that in the present "transition period" political activities would not be allowed.

In an apparent reference to former Premier Bulent Ecevit, Evren said "those who insist on doing the opposite (engage in political activity) and chase after future political investments will naturally be subjected to legal prosecution and the punishment they deserve."

In his speech, Evren said it was natural that there would be elements opposed to their rule. "Some people's interests have been hurt, some others have been jailed," he noted. But he claimed that even some terrorists are repentant when some former political leaders of Turkey show no regrets.

Turkey's democratic experience, started with the introduction of multi-party politics in 1946, has been interrupted three times since then with military interventions.

Evren appeared to leave the door open for future military interventions, saying: "Many citizens want to know what will happen if, after we leave, the country comes to the same point (a crisis situation). Do not be afraid. You will get rid of those who might be responsible (for new crises). Also remember that there are other forces at your side who will protect this country."

In their law and order campaign the generals have placed behind bars some 30,000 persons, most of them extreme rightists or leftists. The generals blame former political leaders, particularly Ecevit and his arch-rival Süleyman Demirel, with having failed to deal with country's vital problems.

Evren said that Turkey occupied a key and strategic position on the world map and because of this had been subject to "designs" of various foreign powers in the past. Such designs will continue in the future and Turks can only foil them by working hard and acting in unity, he said.

The general declared that Turkey's friendship was of value to other countries, "but if they reject the hand we extend in friendship, it is their own choice and decision." Turkey's relations with its NATO allies in Europe have been strained for the past year because of European criticism of the general's rule and charges of human rights violations in connection with their law and order campaign.

## Tanzanian dies at 140

DAR-ES-SALAAM, April 17 (AP) — A peasant, believed to be Tanzania's oldest person, has died at the age of nearly 140, the Tanzania news agency reported Friday. It said Hassan Kitani Kingamkoni, who claimed he was born in 1843, died Wednesday in his home village in central Tanzania after a short illness.

Thousands of people flocked to the village to mourn his death, the agency said. Kingamkoni claimed to have worked on caravans taking slaves from the interior to Bagamoyo on the Tanzanian coast. He said he was married and had five children before German colonists began building the central railway line in 1905.

## Eanes attacks S. African aggression

LUANDA, April 17 (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes of Portugal has said his country, as a member of the NATO alliance, strongly condemns South African attacks on Angola. Speaking at an official banquet given by Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos Friday night, Gen. Eanes also appeared to justify the controversial presence of Cuban troops in Angola, the former Portuguese colony given independence seven years ago.

President Eanes, the first Western head of state to make a state visit to this tropical African state, launched a strong attack against South Africa's apartheid system, saying it was morally inferior. "It is this moral inferiority that legitimizes defensive actions ... which in other circumstances might have been avoided," Eanes said.

Portuguese officials said the president was clearly referring to the Luanda regime's dependence on Soviet bloc arms and instructors as well as a large contingent of Cuban troops to repel successive South African attacks since 1975.

The Portuguese president repeatedly invoked Portugal's loyalty to NATO, the

## Basques plan offensive

PAMPLONA, Northern Spain, April 17 (AFP) — A policeman was killed here early Saturday, and six companions were wounded, in a grenade attack on an armored vehicle patrolling the center of this Basque town, hours after Basque separatist guerrillas threatened a new offensive against Spanish security forces.

A commando group fired an anti-tank grenade which blasted through the armor plating and exploded inside the vehicle at 4:00 a.m. (0200 GMT). One of the seven occupants died soon after being rushed to hospital, while a second had to have a leg amputated.

The other five policemen were only slightly wounded and immediately replied to the

North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and said: "Today, when the popular Republic of Angola suffers the effects of violent armed incursions in flagrant violation of its sovereignty, Portugal, as a European country, a responsible member of the Atlantic alliance and a country that knows Africa well, cannot help but strongly condemn these military aggressions."

He said Portugal was willing to cooperate in seeking a solution of the conflict with South Africa that might provide stability for the whole region. He said the future independence of Namibia (Southwest Africa), which is currently administered by Pretoria, would give a clear and extremely important signal of peace and security for the whole of southern Africa.

Angola provides headquarters facilities for the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which has fought a 16-year guerrilla war against South African forces in Namibia. Later Saturday the president visited the southern city of Lubango where Angola has established the military headquarters of its undeclared war with South Africa.

attack. The commando fled, abandoning a grenade launcher, five anti-tank grenades, one hand grenade and several rounds of small arms ammunition. Police were convinced it was the work of the military wing of the Basque separatist group ETA-M.

Investigators believed the attack came under a new phase of "armed struggle" promised this week. On Friday, the military wing issued an ultimatum to the Spanish government, warning that if all police forces were not withdrawn from the Basque country in one month, ETA would launch a new offensive against their garrisons, using heavy arms. ETA regards Spanish security personnel in the region as occupation forces.

Police noted the similarity of Saturday's killing with a grenade attack Wednesday at a police barracks outside the coast city of San Sebastian. One civil guard was wounded in the incident, claimed by the ETA military wing.

Meanwhile, the San Sebastian newspaper Egin reported Saturday that ETA had also claimed responsibility for an unsuccessful grenade attack Friday on a minibus transporting army officers in Barcelona. The grenade, also fired from a grenade-launcher, missed its target, smashing into a building and causing damage but no injuries. The Barcelona attempt was the first terrorist attack by ETA in the Cataluna region.

Friday's ETA ultimatum said: "We give the government one month to evacuate members of the civil guard, the national police and the senior corps of the police and their families in barracks located in the Basque country."

It referred to the ETA-M "liberation movement of the Basque people" and said the one-month deadline was a consequence of the state's "military and administrative repression" against the Basque people. Nine persons have died in ETA-M attacks since the beginning of the year. Several weeks ago the group announced a wave of attacks that it said would culminate in May.

## Jorgensen in Athens

ATHENS, April 17 (AFP) — Danish Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen stopped over here Saturday en route for a four-day holiday in Crete before beginning a two-day official visit to Greece Wednesday.

After his four-day rest in a sea-side hotel in Eastern Crete, Jorgensen is scheduled for talks with his Socialist colleague, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, on the European Economic Community, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Middle East, Cyprus and outstanding problems between Greece and Turkey, official sources said here.

Jorgensen had expressed hopes of receiving permission from the Turkish authorities to visit jailed former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit while in the area, but Turkey turned down the request Friday.

## Army worried over deadlock in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, April 17 (AP) — The armed forces have urged two rightist parties, that together won a majority in El Salvador's election to share power with the moderate Christian Democrats in a three-man junta, a reliable government source said.

The proposal apparently reflects the military leaders' impatience with nearly three weeks of haggling among five parties over the makeup of the next government. The armed forces were neutral in the March 28 election of a 60-seat Constituent Assembly and had stayed out of the negotiations.

Elected delegates picked up their credentials Friday and were expected to continue the talks before convening formally next week. The assembly has power to name a provisional government, review decrees of the Christian Democrat-led junta and set a date for presidential elections.

Control of the new government could affect U.S. aid because the rightists oppose land redistribution and other reforms decreed by the junta to undercut support for leftist guerrillas. The military high command has repeatedly voiced support for those measures.

The government informant, who declined to be named, said the armed forces called for a junta representing the Christian Democrats, which led all parties in winning 24 assembly seats, and the National Republican Alliance and National Council Action Party. The rightist parties won 19 and 14 seats, respectively.

Under the proposal, the junta would run the Central American country's civilian affairs for two years before calling an election. A military officer, meanwhile, would be commander in chief of the 22,000-man armed forces, overseeing the 2 1/2-year-old war against the guerrillas, the source said.

There was no immediate response by rightist parties to the reported military initiative.

The rightist parties are, however, considering picking their most moderate leader to be the country's interim president, party sources said Saturday. They said leaders of the rightist parties met privately Friday night to consider naming businessman Raul Molina as their candidate.

Molina heads a moderate wing of National Conciliation Party which diplomatic sources said was apparently willing to leave in place the agrarian and social reforms implemented by the U.S.-backed government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

A U.S. Embassy official said the rightist leaders were in frequent communication with U.S. Ambassador Deane Hinton and were aware that U.S. aid to El Salvador might be cut if a rightist government reversed the reforms.

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